

9.4. *Ethnic Studies - Charter*

Ethnic Studies is an interdisciplinary minor program that is designed to lead students through an in-depth study of racial and ethnic minorities in the United States both in historic and contemporary contexts. Ethnic Studies program content is much broader than any single discipline and includes a required combination of courses from multiple departments within both the College of the Sciences and the College of Arts and Humanities.

9.4.1. *Mission*

The Ethnic Studies Program will provide students a critical thinking approach to the study of racial and ethnic minorities in historic and contemporary context.

Interdisciplinary courses offer students access to academic, philosophical and experiential understanding of and appreciation for the diversity of various ethnic and racial minority groups. A minor in Ethnic Studies is designed to complement programs in a variety of majors where students strive to enhance their professional preparation in their chosen field (Anthropology, Sociology, Political Science, Business, History, Art, etc.) In addition, a minor in Ethnic Studies is directed toward those students with a general interest in race and ethnicity issues. This program is flexible enough to meet initial needs of students through independent studies, small group seminars, internships, special topics, and traditional classroom instruction.

9.4.2. *Objectives*

The Ethnic Studies Program has five objectives that promote awareness and understanding of racial and ethnic societies and culture.

- To critically assess the traditional discipline in light of new data concerning race and ethnicity.
- To provide an academic foundation for students planning careers in Ethnic Studies or in related fields.
- To provide students with awareness of the diversity of the racial and ethnical experience.
- To provide an opportunity for all students to gain an understanding of racial/ethnic minority cultures and their contributions to U.S. society and abroad.
- To promote cross-cultural understanding, the pursuit of social justice, and address the fundamental problems of contemporary society.

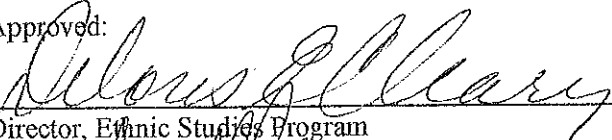
9.4.3. *Residence*

The Ethnic Studies Program resides within the College of the Sciences.

9.4.4. *Program Specific Provisions*

None; University policy pertains.

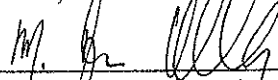
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