

Ethnic Studies 1

Introduction to Ethnic Studies

3 units; 3 hours lecture

Recommended Preparation: eligibility for English 1A credit

Degree applicable Transfer CSU, UC

This course provides a multidisciplinary introduction and analysis of ethnic groups in the United States. Various theories and perspectives will be examined to better comprehend the effects of institutional racism, marginalization, socio-economic and political discrimination, and ethnocentrism on American ethnic and racial groups.

Course Objectives:

1. Define and assess the concepts of race and ethnicity in American society.
Other (specify) Essay exams, research assignments/papers, and/or multiple choice exams²
2. Apply theoretical frameworks of race relations to past and present issues in American society.
Other (specify) Essay exams, research assignments/papers, and/or multiple choice exams
3. Compare and contrast the major demographic patterns of immigrant groups who entered the United States.
Other (specify) Essay exams, research assignments/papers, and/or multiple choice exams
4. Examine the concepts of religion and gender identity and compare and contrast the influences on various American ethnic groups.
Other (specify) Essay exams, research assignments/papers, and/or multiple choice exams
5. Outline and discuss the major historical and political developments that have influenced and affected specific ethnic communities within the United States.
Other (specify) research paper
6. Assess how attitudes and behaviors of mainstream society are affected by social factors such as ethnicity, religion, and cultural differences.
Other (specify) Essay exams, research assignments/papers, and/or multiple choice exams
7. Evaluate factors which may influence assimilation of ethnic minorities into the mainstream culture.
Other (specify) Essay exams, research assignments/papers, and/or multiple choice exams
8. Examine contributions of ethnic groups to mainstream society.
Other (specify) Essay exams, research assignments/papers, and/or multiple choice exams
9. Identify and evaluate how ethnic groups have coped with cultural conflict, institutional racism, marginalization, social, economic and political discrimination and ethnocentrism.
Other (specify) Essay exams, research assignments/papers, and/or multiple choice exams
10. Evaluate the changing role of government policies with regards to the determination of immigrant status in the United States.
Other (specify) Essay exams, research assignments/papers, and/or multiple choice exams
11. Compare and contrast the experiences of European, Asian, African and Latin American immigrants in the United States in relation to stratification and assimilation.
Other (specify) Essay exams, research assignments/papers, and/or multiple choice exams

Student Learning Outcomes (SLO):

1. Developing and Arguing a Persuasive Historical Thesis

Upon completion of Introduction to Ethnic Studies, students will be able to develop and persuasively argue a thesis in a written assignment that applies interdisciplinary theoretical frameworks to analyze socioeconomic and political factors that confront ethnic minorities as they interact in American society.

2. Historical Analysis

Upon completion of Introduction to Ethnic Studies, students will be able to identify and analyze, through a written assignment, historical factors shaping the presence and sociocultural experiences of major ethnic groups in American society.

3. Social Justice and Sociopolitical Movements

Upon completion of Introduction to Ethnic Studies, students will be able to identify and analyze, through a written assignment, ideologies and practices for resolutions of social injustices within major sociopolitical movements in American society.

ADA Statement:

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Student Code of Conduct

<https://www.elcamino.edu/administration/board/2019-policies/AP%205500%20Student%20Conduct%20.pdf>

Student Rights and Grievances Procedure 5530

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