



ETHNIC STUDIES MINOR

Administrative Committee:

Professors Berg (History), Janke (Geography and Meteorology, Chair); Associate Professors Venturelli (Sociology and Criminology).

Objectives: The Ethnic Studies Minor offers an interdisciplinary perspective on race, ethnicity, and culture, specially on the nature of historical and social constructs

that define group and individual experiences, attitudes, and identities. The focus of the minor will be on the following North American ethnic groups: African-American, Chicano/ Latino, Native American, and Asian- American. The objectives of the minor have two complementary components. One, more narrowly academic, aims at helping students develop critical thinking using a multicultural perspective with reference to their own backgrounds and those of others, and with materials from within and without the traditional canon. The other, more social and experiential, involves becoming familiar with and appreciating diversity among students and the larger community. Both aim at providing knowledge and understanding which will help students reach across racial and cultural barriers and equip them to function effectively, both professionally and personally, in a multicultural and multiracial world.

Requirements: A minimum of 15 credit hours constitutes the minor.

Program Core

HIST 225 Alternative Perspectives of United States History: Racial Minorities and Mainstream America

or

ENGL 365 American Ethnic Literature . . . 3 Cr.

Elective Courses

ECON 233 Economics of Race and Gender 3 Cr.

ENGL 365 Fiction by American Women (designated sections) 3 Cr.

GEO 200 American Ethnic Geography 3 Cr.

GEO 274 North American Indian on Film 3 Cr.

HIST 323 Civil War and Reconstruction 3 Cr.

MUS 101 Introduction to Music 3 Cr.

SOCW 210 Social Welfare: Policy and Services 3 Cr.

SOCW 330 Vulnerable Populations: Color, Gender, and Orientation
. . . 3 Cr.

SOC 160 Contemporary Social Problems (approval by committee with consultation
with instructor required) 3 Cr.

SOC 347 Race and Ethnic Relations 3 Cr.

THEO 337 Black Theology and Black Church 3
Cr.

THEO 353 Studies in Theology and Practice (when topic is appropriate)
. . . 3 Cr.

THEO 368 Native American Religions 3 Cr.

Additional courses for the minor will consist of topics courses and departmental seminars, each of which must be approved and will be publicized by the administrative committee. Students wishing to use a course not listed must have the course approved by the administrative committee prior to enrolling in the course. No more than one course at the 100 level may apply towards the minor. At least two of the courses applying towards the minor must be at the 300 level or above.