

CERTIFICATE IN ETHNIC STUDIES EMPOWERMENT

The multidisciplinary Certificate in Ethnic Studies Empowerment examines histories of inequality and the power of community self-representation. The program requires students to think critically and nurtures a social consciousness while deepening a foundation of knowledge related to the multiple histories and cultures of communities of color within and outside the United States. Students take courses in the disciplines of Ethnic Studies: Africana Studies, American Indian Studies, Asian American Studies, Latina/Latino Studies and our comparative Race and Resistance Studies. The program develops critical analysis as students learn about the importance of history, science, culture, and community, providing a solid foundation to their academic studies and future community service.

Learning Outcomes

- a. Identify structural and institutional inequality in the treatment of communities of color and indigenous communities.
- b. Interpret social movements in the contestation of social hierarchies based on race, gender, sexuality, class, and/or other social determinants.
- c. Describe historical, cultural, economic, and comparative approaches to the study of race, class, gender, nation, and sexuality.
- d. Identify and articulate the power and principles of community-based research, arts, letters, and activism, and the self-determination of communities of color.

Certificate in Ethnic Studies Empowerment – 12 units

Code	Title	Units
RRS/ETHS 110	Critical Thinking and the Ethnic Studies Experience	3
RRS 240	All Power to the People: Comparative Freedom Movements of the "Sixties"	3
RRS 276	Race, Activism and Climate Justice	3
RRS 280	Disrupting Science Fiction: Race, Gender, and Alternative Futures	3