

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Ethnic Studies curriculum trains students to transform society and engage in real-world problem solving through a vibrant interaction with the intersectional histories and contributions of Black, Indigenous, and other People of Color (BIPOC). Ethnic Studies graduates cultivate cultural competency skills that are highly valued by employers, who serve increasingly diverse clientele. Our students find employment in a variety of fields including: law, teaching, journalism, marketing, community organizing and social work.

ACADEMIC ADVISING

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS) supports students to graduation using a shared advising system. CLAS students have two academic advisors with whom they should meet regularly to discuss academic and degree progress: a CLAS Academic Advisor and a major advisor.

For questions related to CU Denver Core Curriculum, CLAS, general graduation requirements, university/college academic policies, or campus resources contact:

CLAS Academic Advising

clas.advising@ucdenver.edu

Visit the CLAS Advising website [here](#)

North Classroom (NC) 1030

303-315-7100

For questions related to major requirements, major course prerequisites, or evaluation of transfer coursework in your major contact:

Ethnic Studies Major Advising

[CLAS Major Advisor Contact Information](#)

Visit the program website [here](#)

Plaza Building (PL) 102

303-315-7205

GENERAL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS & POLICIES

All CU Denver CLAS students are required to complete the following minimum general graduation requirements to be eligible to apply for graduation:

1. Complete a minimum of 120 credit hours
2. Achieve a minimum 2.0 CU cumulative grade point average (GPA)
3. Complete a minimum of 30 upper-division (3000- to 4000-level) credit hours
4. Complete all CU Denver Core, CLAS, and major requirements
5. Complete a minimum of 30 CLAS credit hours with letter grades at CU Denver

*The following are **maximum** credit hours that can apply toward the minimum 120 hours required for graduation:*

- 16 credit hours Pass/Fail
- 12 credit hours of Independent Study/Directed Research
- 12 credit hours of internship credit
- 8 credit hours of physical education credit

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS & POLICIES

Students are responsible for meeting with the major advisor to confirm major requirements. In addition to completing all CU Denver Core and CLAS requirements, students completing the Ethnic Studies B.A. Degree are required to complete the following minimum program requirements:

1. Students must complete a minimum of 30 credit hours in ETST coursework.
2. Students must complete a minimum of 16 upper division (3000-level and above) ETST credit hours.
3. Students must earn a minimum grade of C- (1.7) in all major courses taken that apply to the major and must achieve a minimum cumulative major GPA of 2.0. Courses taken using P+/P/F or S/U grading cannot apply to major requirements.
4. Students must take one course in each of the following: African American Studies, American Indian Studies, Asian American Pacific Islander Studies, and Latinx Studies, and comparative Ethnic Studies.
5. Students must complete 9 ETST credit hours with CU Denver faculty.

LYNXCONNECT RESOURCES

Are you interested in learning about internship, study abroad, career, and research opportunities for this major? Visit the CU Denver LynxConnect, located in Tivoli Student Union (TV) Suite 339, and browse the LynxConnect [website](#) for more information.

Degree Requirements	Credits	Notes
* Course prerequisites change regularly. Students are responsible for consulting advisors and the class schedule in the student portal for prerequisite information. *		
CU Denver Core Curriculum Requirements	34 - 40	CU Denver Core Curriculum Requirements
CLAS Graduation Requirements		CLAS Graduation Requirements
ETST Major Requirements	30	16 credit hours must be upper-division
ETST Required Courses		
ETST 2000 Introduction to Ethnic Studies	3	Course can fulfill CU Denver Core Social Sciences
ETST 2024 Find Your Voice, Change the World	3	
ETST 4960 Capstone in Ethnic Studies	3	Offered Spring Semester only
ETST Major Electives Complete seven additional Ethnic Studies elective courses. Students must take one course in each of the following: African American Studies, American Indian Studies, Asian American Pacific Islander Studies, and Latinx Studies, and comparative Ethnic Studies	21	*Check prerequisites for individual courses and see major advisor for approved list
Estimated General Electives	50 - 56	General Elective credit hours will vary. Students are highly encouraged to explore and complete additional programs including certificates, minors, double-majors, and dual-degrees. Consult with CLAS Academic Advisor.
Total Minimum Credit Hours:	120	30 credit hours must be upper-division

SAMPLE ACADEMIC PLAN OF STUDY

The following academic plan is a *sample* pathway to completing degree requirements for this major. Students should tailor this plan based on previously completed college coursework (e.g., AP, IB, CLEP, dual/concurrent enrollment, and transfer credit), course availability, and individual preferences related to course load, schedules, or add-on programs such as certificates, minors, double-majors, or dual-degrees.

Year 1 - Fall	CRS
ENGL 1020 – Core Composition I	3
CU Denver Core Mathematics – MATH 2830 <i>recommended</i>	3
ETST 2000 ^C	3
CU Denver Core Behavioral Science	3
General Elective / First-Year Seminar	3
Total Credit Hours	15

Year 1 - Spring	CRS
ENGL 2030 – Core Composition II	3
ETST 2024	3
CU Denver Core Natural/Physical Science without lab	3
CU Denver Core Arts	3
General Elective	3
Total Credit Hours	15

Year 2 - Fall	CRS
ETST Upper-Division Elective	3
CU Denver Core Natural/Physical Science with lab	4
CU Denver Core Humanities ^M	3
General Elective	3
General Elective	3
Total Credit Hours	16

Year 2 - Spring	CRS
ETST Upper-Division Elective	3
ETST Elective	3
CU Denver Core Cultural Diversity ^M	3
General Elective	3
General Elective	3
Total Credit Hours	15

Year 3 - Fall	CRS
ETST Upper-Division Elective	3
CU Denver Core International Perspectives ^M	3
General Elective	3
General Elective	3
General Elective	3
Total Credit Hours	15

Year 3 - Spring	CRS
ETST Upper-Division Elective	3
ETST Elective	3
General Elective	3
General Elective	3
General Elective	3
Total Credit Hours	15

Year 4 - Fall	CRS
ETST Upper-Division Elective	3
Upper-Division General Elective	3
Upper-Division General Elective	3
General Elective	3
General Elective	2
Total Credit Hours	14

Year 4 - Spring	CRS
ETST 4960	3
Upper-Division General Elective	3
General Elective	3
General Elective	3
General Elective	3
Total Credit Hours	15