

## FOR TRANSFER STUDENTS

### 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](mailto: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

*For questions about admission requirements, transfer policies, applying, and the transfer process contact:*

#### Office of Admissions

[admissions@ucdenver.edu](mailto:admissions@ucdenver.edu)

Visit the Admissions website [here](#)

Student Commons Building (SCB) 1005

303-315-2601

### 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

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**The following program requirements are based on degree requirements for the current Catalog year at CU Denver and are subject to change. Students are responsible for completing degree requirements based on the Catalog year for which they are admitted.**

**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.

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**COURSEWORK THAT CAN BE COMPLETED AT PREVIOUS INSTITUTION**

The following is a “bucket” of requirements students can complete prior to transferring to CU Denver, including equivalent Colorado Community College System (CCCS) courses. To determine the equivalencies of courses to be completed at non-CU Denver institutions, students can visit <https://transferology.com/school/ucdenver>. **It is critical students connect with a CU Denver academic advisor to ensure planned courses will transfer and apply to CU Denver degree requirements.** All non-CU Denver coursework must be completed with a C- or better to be eligible for transfer.

Students interested in completing an Associate (A.A. or A.S.) Degree or a [Colorado Statewide Transfer Articulation Agreement or Degree with Designation \(DWD\)](#) must work with their community/junior college academic advisor to create an academic plan that accounts for all degree or transfer articulation agreement requirements. Colorado Community College Students may also explore the option to complete [Reverse Transfer](#) at CU Denver.

CU Denver Requirements	CU Denver Credits	CCCS Equivalent Courses & Notes	CCCS Credits
<b>CU Denver Core Curriculum Requirements</b>	<b>34 - 40</b>		
ENGL 1020 – Core Composition I	3	ENG 1021	
ENGL 2030 – Core Composition II	3	ENG 1022	
Mathematics	3 - 4	MAT 1260 <i>recommended</i> or GT-MA1	
Arts	3	GT-AH	
Humanities	3	GT-AH or GT-HI	
Behavioral Sciences	3 - 4	ETH 2000 or GT-SS	
Social Sciences	3 - 4	GT-SS or GT-HI*	
Natural/Physical Science with lab	4 - 5	GT-SC1	
Natural/Physical Science without lab or Math	3 - 5	GT-SC2 or GT-MA1 ( <i>except the course used for Core Math</i> ) or GT-SC1	
International Perspectives	3	Additional GT-AH, HI, SS* ( <i>see note below</i> )	
Cultural Diversity	3	<i>To be completed at CU Denver. This requirement must be completed with an upper-division course and CCCS courses will not apply.</i>	---
<b>ETST Major Courses</b>	<b>3</b>		
ETST 2000 Introduction to Ethnic Studies	3	ETH 2000 <i>Course can fulfill CU Denver Core Behavioral Sciences</i>	
<b>Minimum Applicable Transfer Credits Recommended:</b>	<b>60</b>	<i>Students completing less than 60 applicable transfer credits will have additional credits to complete at CU Denver. Students are highly encouraged to explore and complete additional programs including certificates, minors, double-majors, and dual-degrees. Students needing general elective credits should consult a CU Denver CLAS Academic Advisor to plan for additional programs.</i>	

**\*The applicability of Guaranteed Transfer (GT Pathways) courses to specific CU Denver Core Curriculum requirements requires completion of a block of five courses: two GT-AH courses; one GT-HI course; one GT-SS course; and one additional GT-AH, GT-HI, or GT-SS course.**

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**SAMPLE PLAN – COURSEWORK TO BE COMPLETED AT CU DENVER**

Based on successful completion of 60 applicable transfer credits and the complete “bucket” of requirements outlined above, students would have the following remaining to complete at CU Denver. At CU Denver, students must tailor this plan based on the evaluation of previously completed college coursework (e.g., AP, IB, CLEP, dual/concurrent enrollment, and transfer credit), course availability, individual preferences related to course load, summer term courses, part-time or full-time student status, or add-on programs such as certificates, minors, double-majors, or dual-degrees.

<b>Year 3 - Fall</b>	CRS
ETST 2024	3
CU Denver Core Cultural Diversity <sup>M</sup>	3
Upper-Division General Elective	3
General Elective	3
General Elective	3
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>	<b>15</b>

<b>Year 3 - Spring</b>	CRS
ETST Upper-Division Elective	3
ETST Upper-Division Elective	3
ETST Elective	3
General Elective	3
General Elective	3
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>	<b>15</b>

<b>Year 4 - Fall</b>	CRS
ETST Upper-Division Elective	3
ETST Upper-Division Elective	3
ETST Elective	3
Upper-Division General Elective	3
General Elective	3
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>	<b>15</b>

<b>Year 4 - Spring</b>	CRS
ETST 4960 - <i>Offered Spring Semester only</i>	3
ETST Upper-Division Elective	3
Upper-Division General Elective	3
General Elective	3
General Elective	3
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>	<b>15</b>

<sup>M</sup> Major Course Available    <sup>C</sup> CU Denver Core Course    <sup>PE</sup> Prerequisite Enforced    <sup>PR</sup> Prerequisite Recommended