

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

With an Ethnic Studies degree you will learn how the experiences of Asian Americans, African Americans, Latinos and American Indians are fundamental to a comprehensive understanding of US history, culture, and society. You will discover how the experiences of different racial and ethnic groups are distinct but interrelated. You will analyze the racial and ethnic experience from an interdisciplinary perspective to gain a background in the theories and concepts required to understand and interpret inter- and intra-group relations in the United States.

In common with other liberal arts graduates, those with a degree in ethnic studies will be trained in creative and critical thinking, complex reasoning, and effective communication. In addition, ethnic studies graduates will have cultural competency skills that are highly valued by employers, especially those in sales and service areas. Other occupations that employ many ethnic studies graduates include: teaching, journalism, marketing, community and union organizing, and social work. Ethnic studies graduates also find work in non-profit agencies and federal, state, and local government agencies.

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 department 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 45 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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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 33 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. All graded attempts in required and elective courses are calculated in the major GPA. Courses taken using P+/P/F or S/U grading cannot apply to major requirements.
4. Students must complete 15 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	15 - 29	CLAS Graduation Requirements
ETST Major Requirements	33	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 2155 African American History	3	Course can fulfill CU Denver Core Humanities
ETST 3108 Chicano/a and Latino/a History	3	
ETST/HIST 3297 Social History of Asian Americans	3	
ETST/HIST 3396 History of the American Indian	3	
ETST 4000 Research Methods in Ethnic Studies	3	Offered Fall Semester only
ETST 4960 Capstone in Ethnic Studies	3	Offered Spring Semester only
ETST Major Electives Complete four additional upper-division (3000 or above) Ethnic Studies elective courses	12	*Check prerequisites for individual courses and see major advisor for approved list
Estimated General Electives	18 - 38	General Elective credits will vary based on Core & CLAS Requirements. Consult with CLAS Advisor.
Total Minimum Credit Hours:	120	45 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 minors or double-majors.

Year One	Fall	CRS	Spring	CRS
	ENGL 1020 – Core Composition I	3	ENGL 2030 – Core Composition II	3
	CU Denver Core Mathematics – MATH 2830 <i>recommended</i>	3	ETST 2155 ^C	3
	ETST 2000 ^C	3	CU Denver Core Natural/Physical Science without lab	3
	CU Denver Core Behavioral Science / First-Year Seminar	3	CU Denver Core Arts	3
	General Elective	3	General Elective	3
	Total Credit Hours	15	Total Credit Hours	15
Year Two	Fall	CRS	Spring	CRS
	ETST 3108	3	ETST/HIST 3297	3
	CLAS Communicative Skills	3	CU Denver Core Cultural Diversity ^M	3
	CU Denver Core Natural/Physical Science with lab	4	CLAS Humanities	3
	ETST Upper-Division Elective	3	ETST Upper-Division Elective	3
	General Elective	3	General Elective	3
	Total Credit Hours	16	Total Credit Hours	15
Year Three	Fall	CRS	Spring	CRS
	ETST 4000	3	ETST 3396	3
	CU Denver Core International Perspectives ^M	3	Upper-Division General Elective	3
	CLAS Second Language Semester I	5	CLAS Second Language Semester II	5
	ETST Upper-Division Elective	3	CLAS Behavioral Science	3
	Total Credit Hours	14	Total Credit Hours	14
Year Four	Fall	CRS	Spring	CRS
	ETST Upper-Division Elective	3	ETST 4960	3
	CLAS Natural/Physical Science with lab	4	Upper-Division General Elective	3
	Upper-Division General Elective	3	Upper-Division General Elective	3
	Upper-Division General Elective	3	General Elective	3
	General Elective	3	General Elective	3
	Total Credit Hours	16	Total Credit Hours	15