

ETHNIC STUDIES

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DESCRIPTION

Ethnic Studies is the interdisciplinary study of race and ethnicity that centers the knowledge and experiences of people of color within and beyond the United States. At PCC, Ethnic Studies courses prepare students to live and thrive in a diverse world by engaging with difficult subjects like race and racism, colonialism, indigeneity, ethnicity and citizenship. We approach these topics using an intersectional and interdisciplinary lens grounded in Critical Race Theory. Students in our courses will also explore the long history of community formation, activism, resistance, and coalition-building in and among communities of color.

ES 101. Introduction to Ethnic Studies. 4 Credits.

Introduces the ethnic group experience in the United States with an emphasis on African Americans, Native Americans, Latinas/os, and Asian Americans. Prerequisites: (WR 115 and RD 115) or IRW 115 and MTH 20 or equivalent placement. Audit available.

This course fulfills the following GE requirements: Cultural Literacy, Cultural Literacy/DIV, Social Sciences/SS

ES 214. Race and Racism. 4 Credits.

Examines the origins and manifestations of the socially constructed concept of race. Analyzes the manner in which the concept of race has been developed and interpreted and its influence on the social, economic and political relations between ethnic groups using Critical Race Theory approach. Emphasizes racist ideas, theories, movements and key people and events in the evolution of race-based thinking. Audit available.

ES 250. Introduction to Black (Africana) Studies. 4 Credits.

Provides an interdisciplinary survey of Black (Africana) Studies by exploring the culture, politics, societies, economies, history, philosophies, arts, and literature of the African Diaspora. Places the experience of African Americans within the larger context of the African Diaspora. Prerequisites: (WR 115 and RD 115) or IRW 115 and MTH 20 or equivalent placement. Audit available.

This course fulfills the following GE requirements: Social Sciences/SS

ES 260. Decolonizing Education. 4 Credits.

Explores decolonial theories of education in relation to classroom pedagogy. Considers the history and contemporary impact of colonial education in the United States and globally. Prerequisites: (WR 115 and RD 115) or IRW 115 and MTH 20 or equivalent placement. Audit available.

This course fulfills the following GE requirements: Social Sciences/SS

ES 261. Applied Ethnic Studies I. 4 Credits.

Examines the role of organizations, groups, and collectives in social justice and racial equity work. Includes weekly meetings with community organization and movement leaders, advocates, and educators. Participation in the Critical Educator of Color Pathway (CECP) required. Prerequisite: ES 260. Audit available.

This course fulfills the following GE requirements: Social Sciences/SS

ES 262. Applied Ethnic Studies II. 4 Credits.

Places students in partnering middle and high school classrooms to facilitate participatory action research workshops and critical dialogue, and to support youth. Includes weekly meetings for continued support, community-building, and professional development. Participation in the Critical Educator of Color Pathway (CECP) required. Prerequisite: ES 261. Audit available.

This course fulfills the following GE requirements: Social Sciences/SS