

# CERTIFICATE IN ETHNIC STUDIES EMPOWERMENT

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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 |
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| 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     |