Social Justice Studies: Race and Ethnicity AA-T Degree - ethnic studies

PART TIME

This program roadmap represents one possible pathway to complete the program. **Please see a counselor** to create an education plan that is customized to meet your needs. This roadmap is not a guarantee of course availability or financial aid applicability.

Catalog: 2026-27

GE Pattern: Cal-GETC

Total Units: 60

First Year

Semester 1

6 Units

CAT.	COURSE	UNIT	PREREQUISITES	GE AREA
Req	SJS 300 Introduction to Social Justice Studies	3		4
GE	ENGL C1000 College Composition **or** ENGL C1000H[H] Honors College Composition	3 3		1A

Semester 2

6 Units

CAT.	COURSE	UNIT	PREREQUISITES	GE AREA
Req	SJS 310 Introduction to LGBTQ Studies	3		
RE	PSYC 330 Introductory Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences	3		2

Second Year

Semester 3

6 Units

CAT.	COURSE	UNIT	PREREQUISITES	GE AREA
GE	any Area 1B (Critical Thinking and Composition) course	3		1B
Elec	any transferable elective course	3		

Semester 4

7 Units

CAT.	COURSE	UNIT	PREREQUISITES	GE AREA
RE	HIST 321 History of the United States: African-American Emphasis	3		3B
GE	any Area 5B (Biological Sciences) course	3		5B
GE	any Area 5C (Science Lab) course[1]	1		5C

TRANSFER PATH

Potential Transfer Majors:

This Area of Emphasis degree prepares students for a number of CSU majors related to race and ethnicity, such as Ethnic Studies, African American Studies, American Studies, Asian American Studies, Chicano Studies, and Native American Studies.

Potential Career/Options After Completing a Bachelor's Degree:

Students with degrees in Ethnic Studies and related fields find careers as activists, community organizers, political campaigners, lobbyists, and mediators. They also work for human rights groups, religious organizations, and international agencies.

This program is also an excellent starting point for students interested in a career in law, law enforcement, social work, clinical psychology, politics, business, education, public policy, and any social science.

Advising Notes:

- This map is designed for students who are able to take 2-3 classes (or 6-9 units) each semester. See a counselor to adjust the coursework to meet your specific needs.
- Students can substitute ESLW 340 for ENGL C1000/C1000H

[1] The Area 5C (Science Lab) course must correspond with either the Area 5A (Physical Sciences) or Area 5B (Biological Sciences) course and must be taken concurrently or after the lecture course.

Third Year

Semester 5

9 Units

CAT.	COURSE	UNIT	PREREQUISITES	GE AREA
Req	SOC 321 Race, Ethnicity and Inequality in the United States	3		4
RE	ENGLT 335 Latino, Mexican-American, and Chicano Literature	3		
Elec	any transferable elective course	3		

Semester 6

9 Units

CAT.	COURSE	UNIT	PREREQUISITES	GE AREA
RE	any transferable elective course	3		
GE	any Area 3A (Arts) course	3		3A
Elec	any transferable elective course	3		

Fourth Year

Semester 7

9 Units

CAT.	COURSE	UNIT	PREREQUISITES	GE AREA
GE	any Area 5A (Physical Sciences) course	3		5A
GE	any Area 1C (Oral Communication) course	3		1C
Elec	any transferable elective course	3		

Semester 8

8 Units

CAT.	COURSE	UNIT	PREREQUISITES	GE AREA
GE	any Area 6 (Ethnic Studies) course	3		6
Elec	any transferable elective course	3		
Elec	any transferable elective course	2		

Recommended GE courses:

- Area 1B: ENGWR 303 (*Argumentative Writing and Critical Thinking Through Literature*)
- Area 1C: COMM C1000 (*Introduction to Public Speaking*)
- Area 3A: MUFHL 330 (*World Music*)
- Area 5A: GEOG 305/GEOL 320 (*Global Climate Change*)

(formerly known as ENGWR 300/480).

- Transferable Elective Courses: any elective courses numbered 300-499, or having a 4-digit number starting with C.
- This map represents one way to complete this Area of Emphasis degree, with a focus on Ethnic Studies.
- Students can complete this degree with other focus areas, such as African American Studies or Chicano Studies. See a counselor for advice on which transfer institutions offer programs in particular focus areas.

Other Notes to Students Preparing to Transfer:

- See ASSIST.ORG for the transfer requirements of the institution to which you plan to transfer.
- The CSU system requires every student receiving a bachelor's degree to be knowledgeable about the Constitution of the United States, American history, and state and local government. This requirement is generally known as the American Institutions requirement. Students can complete this requirement at ARC before transferring. See a counselor for a list of approved courses.

Honors Courses (H):

Students with a cumulative GPA of 3.2 or better who complete 15 or more units of Honors coursework earn an Honors Transfer Certificate and can take advantage of honors-to-honors transfer agreements with highly selective colleges and universities, both public and private.

- Area 5B: ANTH 300/480^{H} (*Biological Anthropology*)
- Area 5C: ANTH 301 (*Biological Anthropology Lab*)
- Area 6: ETHNS 300 (*Introduction to Ethnic Studies*)

Recommended elective courses:

- ANTH 334 (*Native Peoples of North America*)
- HCD 310 (*College Success*)
- HIST 325 (*History of Asian/Pacific Americans*)
- ENGLT 338 (*Native American Literature*)
- SOC 300/480^{H} (*Introduction to Sociology*)
- SOC 342 (*Gender Relations in American Society*)

EXPLANATION OF CATEGORIES		
Req	Required Core	A course that is required for this program
GE	General Education	A course that fulfills a specific general education requirement for a degree, which can be replaced with another course that meets the same requirement
RE	Restricted Elective	A course selected from a list of elective courses specified for this program in the course list in the catalog, which can be replaced with another course from the same list
Elec	Degree Elective	A degree-applicable course that is part of a degree roadmap to ensure that there is a total of at least 60 units, which is a requirement for an associate degree

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