

ETHNIC STUDIES: AA DEGREE

The Associate's of the Arts Degree in Ethnic Studies will provide students with a critical understanding of the complex and diverse experiences and contributions of major ethnic groups in the United States including African Americans, Chicanx/Latinx Americans, Asian Pacific Islander Americans, Native Americans, and Arab Americans.

Career Opportunities

An Associate's of the Arts Degree in Ethnic Studies prepares students for a major in Ethnic Studies (and/or any of its constituent disciplines such as African American Studies, Native American Studies, Chicanx/Latinx American Studies, and Asian Pacific Islander American Studies) at a 4-year institution. With a Bachelor's of the Arts Degree in Ethnic Studies, one can obtain a teacher's credential or obtain a Master's of the Arts Degree or Doctorate in Ethnic Studies. With a Bachelor's of the Arts and/or an advanced degree in Ethnic Studies, one can pursue a profession as: an educator in the disciplines of Humanities, Social Sciences, English, or specifically Ethnic Studies; an administrator at the K-12, community college, or university level; or a director of diversity, equity, and inclusion. One can also work for corporations, nonprofit organizations, or government agencies with a mission to serve, centralize, and/or work in partnership with underrepresented communities. In addition to the above, an educational background in Ethnic Studies is instrumental within industries including but not restricted to: law, healthcare, community organizing, housing and development, STEAM, public health and human services, visual/performing/literary arts, journalism, and entertainment.

Program Learning Outcomes

1. Demonstrate an understanding of the intersection of culture, ethnicity, race, gender, class and sexual orientation within major ethnic groups in the United States.
2. Critically assess the artistic, religious, philosophical, social, and historical influences of diverse ethnic groups on the development of society of the United States.
3. Critically assess the interplay between gender, class, religion, ethnicity and sexuality when examining women of various ethnic backgrounds in the United States.

Degree Requirements

Code	Title	Units
Required Core Courses (18 units)		
ETHS-100	Ethnic Studies 1	3
ETHS-101	Ethnic Studies 2	3
ETHS-111	Native American Studies	3
ETHS-112	African American Studies	3
ETHS-113	Chicanx Studies Chicanx Studies	3
ETHS-160	Critical Asian Pacific Islander American Studies: Filipina/X/O Experience in the United States	3
ETHS-161	Asian Pacific Islander American Studies	3
Restricted Electives: List A (3 units)		
Complete one course from the following:		3
ETHS-114	Women's Ethnic Heritage in the United States	
ETHS-115	Critical Mixed Race Studies	
Restricted Electives: List B (3 units)		
Complete one course from the following:		3

ENGL-224	Survey of Native American Literature
ENGL-226	Survey of African American Literature
ENGL-228	Chicano and Latinx Literature
HIST-165	African American History

Total Units 27

To receive an Associate Degree, students must complete 60 degree applicable semester units with a grade point average of at least 2.0. Students must also complete the NVC General Education (<https://catalog.napavalley.edu/getting-your-degree/general-education/#nvcgeneraleducationtext>) pattern to earn an Associate degree. Consultation with a Counselor is highly encouraged to ensure all requirements are met.