

Ethnic Studies at Santa Rosa Junior College: Taking Shape

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Black Student Union (BSU) Demand

- 1. WE DEMAND A BLACK/ETHNIC STUDIES DEPARTMENT BE CREATED AT SRJC.*

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Ethnic Studies Requirements - CSU

CSU Graduation Requirement, Area F

- [AB 1460](#) in effect as of fall 2021
- Three-unit course in one of the four Ethnic Studies areas
- Course prefixes must carry an Ethnic Studies discipline
- Cross-listing is permissible
- Five core competencies for CSU course articulation



Ethnic Studies Requirements - UC

UC Graduation Requirement, Area 7

- Revision to State Regulation 478
- In progress, currently going through the faculty review process

[UC Academic Senate Memo, September 2, 2021](#)

[UC Academic Senate Memo, December 6, 2021](#)

- Expected to generally align with CSU Area F



Ethnic Studies Requirements - CCC

California Community College Graduation Requirement, in-progress

- Board of Governor's approved change to Ed Code, July 2021
- [Title 5, Section 55063](#)—Minimum requirements for an Associate Degree
- Transfer-level course, three semester units or four quarter units
- Expected to align with CSU Area F requirement
- Implementation timeline is 2024-25



Ethnic Studies Requirements – K-12

California High School Graduation Requirement

- [AB 101](#)
- All public high schools
- One semester course, aligned with a State model curriculum
- Commencing with students graduating in the 2029-30 school year



Ethnic Studies Requirements - CCC

- There will be three graduation requirements for all community college students earning degrees: Math, English, Ethnic Studies.
- Transfer Model Curriculum (TMC) being developed for an Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT) in Ethnic Studies
- New Minimum Qualifications for Native American Studies and Asian American Studies are being vetted; Minimum Qualifications for African-American Studies and Latinx Studies are already in place.



SRJC Black Studies and Ethnic Studies Task Force

Fall 2020

- Academic Senate President and Vice President of Academic Affairs appointed members to the Black Studies and Ethnic Studies Task Force
- Held meetings from October 13, 2020 to November 18, 2020
- Crafted and submitted [set of recommendations](#) to the Academic Senate on November 18, 2020
- Academic Senate voted to support the recommendations of the Black Studies and Ethnic Studies Task Force on December 16, 2020



Black Studies and Ethnic Studies Task Force

Delashay Carmona Benson	SGA President and BSU President
Cathy Burgett	Culinary Arts
Rima Dasgupta	Sociology
Brenda Flyswithhawks	Psychology
Robert Holcomb	Language Arts and Academic Foundations
Lori Kuwabara	English
Laura Larqué	History
Jesekah Loggins	Counseling
Regina Mahiri	Sawubona Center
Amanda Morrison	Our House Intercultural Center Petaluma
Geoff Navarro	Counseling
Emmanuel Raymundo	Humanities
Byron Reaves	EOPS Counseling
Tammy Sakanashi	Health Sciences
George Sellu	Agriculture
Lauren Servais	English
Jerry Thao	Counseling
Jocelyn Toscano	Student Trustee
Robert Tuico	Counseling



Ethnic Studies Curricular Workgroup

Spring 2021

- Ethnic Studies Curricular Workgroup members were appointed by the Academic Senate President and the Vice President of Academic Affairs in late spring
- Began conducting curriculum development in the summer of 2021 into fall 2021
- Support from the Curriculum Office
- Met State submission timeline for CSU course review and approval



Ethnic Studies Curricular Workgroup

Brenda Flyswithawks	Psychology
Emmanuel Raymundo	Humanities
Lauren Servais	English
Laura Larqué	History
Nick Hill	KAD
Rima Dasgupta	Sociology
Sal Diaz	History
Cathy Burgett	Culinary Arts



New Ethnic Studies Courses

Course	Title	Semester	Articulation
ETHST 70	Introduction to Native American Studies	Fall 2022	Pending
ETHST 71	The American Indian and the U.S. Political System	Fall 2022	Pending
ETHST 72	The Original Californians	Fall 2022	Pending
ETHST 74	American Indians Today	Fall 2022	Pending
ETHST 73	Introduction to Asian American Studies	Fall 2022	Pending
ETHST 75	Introduction to Chicanx and Latinx Studies	Fall 2022	Pending
ETHST 76	Introduction to African-American Studies	Fall 2022	Pending
ETHST 77	Introduction to Ethnic Studies	Fall 2022	Pending



Ethnic Studies Courses in Development

Working Title	Semester	Articulation
Key Readings in African-American Studies	Fall 2023	Not submitted
Asian Americans and the Media	Fall 2023	Not submitted
Chicana Culture and History	Fall 2023	Not submitted
Getting Along: Multiethnic Conflict, Cooperation, and Solidarity	Fall 2023	Not submitted



Ethnic Studies Cross-listed Courses

Title	Prefixes	
Identity and Cultural Diversity	COUN	ETHST
Ethnic Diversity in American Arts and Literature	ENGL	ETHST
Race, Ethnicity, and Gender in American Culture	HIST	ETHST
History of Chicanx and Latinx from 1848 to Present	HIST	ETHST
African American History	HIST	ETHST
World Humanities: Arts, Ideas, Values	HUMAN	ETHST
Humanities in the United States	HUMAN	ETHST
Popular Culture in United States	HUMAN	ETHST
The Psychology of Prejudice and Discrimination	PSYCH	ETHST
Religion in America	RELS	ETHST
Islam	RELS	ETHST
Race and Ethnic Relations	SOC	ETHST
Multicultural Perspective in American Theatre	THAR	ETHST



Emerging Ethnic Studies Department Department Chair/ Faculty

Fall 2021

- Founding Chair, 70% reassigned time, MOU negotiated by AFA and District
- Five, tenure-track faculty positions, announced by the VPAA
 - [African American Studies tenure-track instructor \(2 positions\)](#)
 - [Asian American Studies tenure-track instructor](#)
 - [Chicanx and Latinx Studies tenure-track instructor](#)
 - [Native American Studies tenure-track instructor](#)
- 2.5 FTEF Part-Time Faculty



Emerging Ethnic Studies Department Structure/ Support

Fall 2021

- Administrative Assistant Jessica Melvin
- Instructional Dean Robert Holcomb
- Language Arts and Academic Foundations (LAAF) Cluster
- Allotment of 7.5 new FTEF



Emerging Ethnic Studies Department Ongoing Effort

Spring 2022

- Continued curricular development
- Four tenure-track, faculty hiring committees
- Department and faculty office space
- Ethnic Studies Advisory Group, MOU negotiated by AFA and District
- Ongoing AFA and District negotiations regarding transfer between departments



Ethnic Studies Department Ongoing Effort

Fall 2022

- Full formation and functioning of an Ethnic Studies Department
- Robust complement of Ethnic Studies course offerings to meet enrollment demand of new State requirements
- Continued progress toward developing Ethnic Studies degrees
- Engagement within the Ethnic Studies professional community



SRJC Ethnic Studies Professional Community

Sample Colleges

[De Anza College](#)

[City College of San Francisco](#)

[Berkeley City College](#)

[Fullerton College](#)

[Santa Barbara City College](#)

[Santa Ana College](#)

[Southwestern College](#)

Select Organizations

[Association for Ethnic Studies](#)

[Liberated Ethnic Studies](#)

[National Council for Black Studies](#)

[Native American and Indigenous Studies Association](#)

[Association for Asian American Studies](#)

[National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies](#)



Discussion