

# Ethnic Studies Graduate Group

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## Overview

The Ethnic Studies Graduate Group doctoral program focuses on the historical and sociocultural study of the core groups racialized in United States history: African Americans, Asian Americans, Chicanos and Latinos, and Native Americans. Transdisciplinary in approach, the program encourages students to adopt a broad range of theories and methods to analyze the construction of these racialized ethnocultural groups in relation to each other, in the EuroAmerican context, and in a transnational context.

The Ethnic Studies PhD Program is a graduate group program, which means that its courses are taught, and its students advised, by faculty not only from the Department of Ethnic Studies but also from other departments on campus. The core faculty consists of faculty from the Department of Ethnic Studies (composed of Asian American Studies, Chicano and Latino Studies, and Native American Studies) and the Department of African American Studies. The affiliated faculty is composed of faculty from other departments on campus whose expertise and research interests address the concerns of comparative ethnic studies and who have expressed a special interest in working with graduate students in ethnic studies. Both core and affiliated faculty may teach courses and sit on the examination and dissertation committees of students in the Ethnic Studies Graduate Group doctoral program.

Students may obtain information regarding the requirements and curriculum from the student affairs officer of the Ethnic Studies Graduate Group.

## ETH GRP 200 Critical Terms and Issues in Comparative Ethnic Studies 4 Units

**Department:** Ethnic Studies Graduate Group

**Course level:** Graduate

**Term course may be offered:** Fall

**Grading:** Letter grade.

**Hours and format:** 4 hours of Seminar per week for 15 weeks.

Introduction to the field examining the critical practices and salient terms and issues in the study of contemporary cultural and social formations.

The focus is interdisciplinary.

Formerly known as 200A.

## ETH GRP 201 History and Narrativity: Contemporary Theories and Methods 4 Units

**Department:** Ethnic Studies Graduate Group

**Course level:** Graduate

**Term course may be offered:** Spring

**Grading:** Letter grade.

**Hours and format:** 4 hours of Seminar per week for 15 weeks.

The course examines critical theories and methods in the production of historical narratives, social myths, and ideologies dealing with racialization and ethnicity. Special attention is given to employment strategies, tropes, and allegorical forms in the construction of historical events and narratives.

Formerly known as 200B.

## ETH GRP 202 Cultural Texts: Contemporary Theories and Methods 4 Units

**Department:** Ethnic Studies Graduate Group

**Course level:** Graduate

**Term course may be offered:** Fall

**Grading:** Letter grade.

**Hours and format:** 3 hours of Seminar per week for 15 weeks.

The course examines critical theories and methods in the production of cultural knowledge in the humanities. Special attention is given to transdisciplinary articulation with theories and methods in the social sciences.

## ETH GRP 203 Social Structures: Contemporary Theories and Methods 4 Units

**Department:** Ethnic Studies Graduate Group

**Course level:** Graduate

**Term course may be offered:** Fall

**Grading:** Letter grade.

**Hours and format:** 3 hours of Seminar per week for 15 weeks.

The course examines critical theories and methods in the production of knowledge relevant to social, political, economic, and institutional structures. Special attention is given to transdisciplinary articulation with theories and methods in the humanities.

## ETH GRP 230 Series in Transdisciplinary Comparative Theories and Methods 4 Units

**Department:** Ethnic Studies Graduate Group

**Course level:** Graduate

**Term course may be offered:** Fall

**Grading:** Letter grade.

**Hours and format:** 4 hours of Seminar per week for 15 weeks.

Research seminar focus is on critical history and practices across disciplines.

## ETH GRP 240 Series in Comparative Transnational Theories and Methods 4 Units

**Department:** Ethnic Studies Graduate Group

**Course level:** Graduate

**Terms course may be offered:** Fall and spring

**Grading:** Letter grade.

**Hours and format:** 4 hours of Seminar per week for 15 weeks.