



**2009-2010  
Suggested Course  
of Study**

**Social Science  
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# Ethnic Studies

The National Association for Ethnic Studies defines the discipline as “an interdisciplinary voice for the continuing focused study of race and ethnicity.” Ethnic Studies is concerned with how all ethnic and racial groups interact, but focuses primarily on those groups that have been largely ignored as having contributed to the creation and shaping of this country.

Ethnic Studies at Lane Community College was created over 35 years ago. The discipline strives to provide for the interdisciplinary study of the histories and experiences of the four major racial minority groups in the United States: Americans of African and Asian descent, Chicanas/os and Latinas/os, and the indigenous peoples of the Americas, Caribbean, and Pacific Islands. In addition, Ethnic Studies provides space for students to critically analyze the intersections of race and ethnicity with other variables such as: gender identity, sexuality, disability, class, nationalism, and globalization.

As active scholars, the affiliated faculty members of Ethnic Studies at Lane are dedicated to an academic discipline that assists in the intellectual and humanistic development of students by helping them to combine critical thinking skills, with an ability to understand and value difference from a social justice perspective. Because of the skills learned in class, students with a foundation in Ethnic Studies can be found pursuing a wide variety of occupational interests.

The following is a list of Ethnic Studies courses at Lane. For those students interested in pursuing degrees with a focus in Ethnic Studies, there are many courses offered in alternative years from which to choose from. All Ethnic Studies course offerings fulfill both the Social Sciences Category of the AAOT, and the Ethnic/Gender/Cultural Diversity graduation requirements. A suggested course of study is not the same as a state-approved vocational program in which a student earns a degree or certificate with a vocational major issued by the Lane Board of Education, nor is it an Associate of Arts degree. For further information, contact Michael Sámano, Coordinator of Ethnic Studies at (541) 463-5186 or [samanom@lanecc.edu](mailto:samanom@lanecc.edu).

**Cooperative Education (Co-op)** Ethnic Studies co-op is an important field placement opportunity that allows students to hone their cultural competency skills. Co-op students are encouraged to work with local service agencies that serve underrepresented minority communities, or organizations with a social justice perspective. Placement provides opportunities for students to explore their career options while gaining practical experience in the field. Students may participate on a full- or part-time basis.

This is a suggested course of study which is not the same as a state-approved vocational program leading to a degree from the Lane Board of Education. Rather, the courses below are appropriate electives for students interested in Ethnic Studies.

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## First Year

ES 101 Introduction to Ethnic Studies 1 .....  
 ES 221 African American Experience.....

## Fall

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## Winter

ES 102 Introduction to Ethnic Studies 2 .....  
 ES 222 African American Experience.....

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## Spring

ES 223 African American Experience.....

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## Second Year

ES 211 Chicano/Latino Experience .....  
 ES 241 Native American Experience .....  
 ES 280 Co-op Ed: Ethnic Studies .....

## Fall

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## Winter

ES 212 Chicano/Latino Experience.....  
 ES 242 Native American Experience .....  
 ES 280 Co-op Ed: Ethnic Studies .....

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## Spring

ES 213 Chicano/Latino Experience.....  
 ES 243 Native American Experience .....  
 ES 250 Class/Race/Gender in U.S. Economy.....  
 ES 280 Co-op Ed: Ethnic Studies .....

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