

# 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.

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. All Ethnic Studies course offerings fulfill both the Social Sciences category of the Associate of Arts Oregon Transfer (AAOT) degree, and the AAOT Cultural Literacy graduation requirement. 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 transfer plan 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.

**Discipline Studies: Social Science**

ES 101 Historical Racial and Ethnic Issues  
ES 102 Contemporary Racial and Ethnic Issues

**Select two same area courses in African American, Asian American, Chicano/Latino, or Native American Studies**

ES 221, 222, 223 African American Experience  
ES 231, 232, 233 Asian American Experience  
ES 211, 212, 213 Chicano/Latino Experience  
ES 2412, 242, 243 Native American Experience

**Discipline Studies: Arts and Letters requirement or electives**

ENG 222 Literature and Gender<sup>1</sup>  
SP 115 Introduction to Intercultural Communication<sup>1</sup>  
Discipline Studies: Social Science requirement or electives  
ANTH 103 Cultural Anthropology  
ECON 250/ES 250 Class, Race, and Gender in the U.S. Economy  
ES 280 Co-op Ed: Ethnic Studies  
HIST 195 History of Vietnam  
PS 275 Legal Processes through Civil Rights and Liberties  
PS 297 Environmental Politics  
REL 243 Nature, Religion and Ecology  
SOC 207 Women and Work  
SOC 213 Race and Ethnicity  
SOC 215 Social Class  
SOC 216 Global Social Movements  
WS 101 Introduction to Women’s Studies

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## Transfer Plan - AAOT Degree (see AAOT degree requirements in Lane catalog for details)

Students who also complete the following additional requirements (credits) can earn the AAOT Degree. Consult with your program advisor/counselor for details.

WR121 Introduction to Academic Writing *	4
WR122 Composition: Argument, Style and Research *	4
MTH 105 Intro to Contemporary Mathematics or higher *	4-5
AAOT Health/Wellness/Fitness requirement (HE 255 Global Health & Sustainability recommended)	3-4
AAOT Oral Communication requirement	4
AAOT Arts and Letter requirement <sup>1</sup>	9-12
AAOT Social Science requirement (select one course other than Ethnic Studies)	3-4
AAOT Science(s) with Lab requirement	12
AAOT Non-Lab Science, Math, Computer Science requirement	3-4
AAOT Electives (to bring total transfer credits to 90)	Varies

**Note:** Students must complete all degree requirements with a minimum grade of C-.

\* Prerequisite required

1 ENG 222 and SP 115 are approved courses for the Arts & Letters requirement for the AAOT

2 The UO Ethnic Studies Program accepts either Lane's ES 241/242 course as equivalent to their ES 256.