

COMPARATIVE ETHNIC STUDIES (BA)

Degree Requirements and Curriculum

In addition to the program requirements listed on this page, students must also satisfy requirements outlined in more detail in the Minimum Requirements for Graduation (<https://catalog.calpoly.edu/academic-standards-policies/general-requirements-bachelors-degree/>) section of this catalog, including:

- 40 units of upper-division courses
- 2.0 GPA
- Graduation Writing Requirements (GWR)
- U.S. Cultural Pluralism (USCP)

Note: No Major or Support courses may be selected as credit/no credit. In addition, no more than 12 units of cooperative or internship courses can count towards your degree requirements.

Code	Title	Units
MAJOR COURSES		
ES 1112	Race, Culture, and Politics in the United States (4A) ¹	3
ES 1114	Introduction to Ethnic Studies	4
ES 1134	Writing and Rhetoric (1A) ¹	3
ES 1145	Writing, Reasoning, and Argumentation (1B) ¹	3
ES/WGQS 3345	Queer Ethnic Studies (Upper-Division 4)(USCP) ¹	4
ES/WGQS 3350	Gender, Race, Culture, Science, and Technology (Upper-Division 2/5) ¹	4
ES 3380	Critical Race Theory	4
ES 3382	Racial Capitalism	4
ES 3390	Research Methodology in Comparative Ethnic Studies	4
ES 4461	Senior Project	4
Select from the following: (3A) ¹		9
ES 2220	African American Popular Culture	
ES 2221	Native American Popular Culture	
ES 2222	Asian American Popular Culture	
ES 2223	Latina/o/x Popular Culture	
Select from the following: (6) ¹		9
ES 2253	Introduction to American Indian Studies	
ES 2254	Introduction to African American Studies	
ES 2255	Introduction to Latina/o/x Studies	
ES 2256	Introduction to Asian American Studies	
Select from the following: (Upper-Division 3) ¹		4
ES 3300	Chicana/o/x Non-Fiction Literature	
ES 3301	Latina/o/x Literature of the United States	
ES 3302	Chicana/o/x Literature	
ES 3303	Latina/o/x Poetry	
ES 3324	Chicana/o/x Film	
ES 3340	Cultural Production and Ethnicity	
Upper-Division Ethnic Studies Theory Courses		
ES 4401	Ethnic Studies: Theoretical Foundations	4
ES 4402	Decolonial Theory	4
ES 4403	Feminist and Queer/Trans of Color Theories	4
Upper Division Ethnic Studies Electives		
Select any 3000-4000 level ES courses		12
GENERAL EDUCATION (GE)		
(See GE program requirements below)		19
FREE ELECTIVES		

Free Electives ²	18
Total Units	120

¹ Required in Major or Support; also satisfies General Education (GE) requirement.

² If a General Education (GE) course is used to satisfy a Major or Support requirement, additional units of Free Electives may be needed to complete the total units required for the degree.

General Education (GE) Requirements

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- 43 units required, 24 of which are specified in Major and/or Support.
- If any of the remaining 19 Units is used to satisfy a Major or Support requirement, additional units of Free Electives may be needed to complete the total units required for the degree.
- See the complete GE course listing (<https://catalog.calpoly.edu/academic-standards-policies/general-requirements-bachelors-degree/#generaleducationtext>).
- A grade of C- or better is required in one course in each of the following GE Areas: 1A (English Composition), 1B (Critical Thinking), 1C (Oral Communication), and 2 (Mathematics and Quantitative Reasoning).

Lower-Division General Education

Area 1	English Communication and Critical Thinking	
1A	Written Communication (3 units in Major) ¹	0
1B	Critical Thinking (3 units in Major) ¹	0
1C	Oral Communication	3
Area 2	Mathematics and Quantitative Reasoning	
2	Mathematics and Quantitative Reasoning	3
Area 3	Arts and Humanities	
3A	Arts (3 units in Major) ¹	0
3B	Humanities: Literature, Philosophy, Languages other than English	3
Area 4	Social and Behavioral Sciences (Area 4 courses must come from at least two different course prefixes.)	
4A	American Institutions (Title 5, Section 40404 Requirement) (3 units in Major) ¹	0
4B	Social and Behavioral Sciences	3
Area 5	Physical and Life Sciences	
5A	Physical Sciences	3
5B	Life Sciences	3
5C	Laboratory (may be embedded in a 5A or 5B course)	1
Area 6	Ethnic Studies	
6	Ethnic Studies (3 units in Major) ¹	0

Upper-Division General Education

Upper-Division 2/5	Mathematics and Quantitative Reasoning or Physical and Life Sciences (3 units in Major) ¹	0
Upper-Division 3	Arts and Humanities (3 units in Major) ¹	0
Upper-Division 4	Social and Behavioral Sciences (Area 4 courses must come from at least two different course prefixes.) (3 units in Major) ¹	0

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