Bachelor of Arts degree
with a major in Critical Race, Gender and Sexuality Studies

Minor in Comparative Ethnic Studies
[see Ethnic Studies, Comparative Minor]

Minor in Multicultural Queer Studies
[see Multicultural Queer Studies]

Minor in Women’s Studies [see Women’s Studies]

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The Program

Our major lies at the intersections of Ethnic Studies (ES), Women’s Studies (WS), and Multicultural Queer Studies (MGS). This interdisciplinary program analyzes how notions of race, gender, sexuality, nation, class, physical ability, and other aspects of social location materially influence people’s lives. Students take a common core of classes then choose an emphasis in ES, WS, or MGS.

Students completing this program will have demonstrated the ability to:
- use intersectional analysis to examine social issues
- explain prominent debates in critical social theory
- examine gendered, racialized, and/or sexualized relations in a transnational context
- link theory to practice
- write effectively within scholarly contexts
- articulate the relationship between social justice movements and history.

CRGS graduates will be prepared to work in such fields as politics and government, business, social services, activism, and community organizing, and to pursue a variety of other jobs in the non-profit sector. In addition, graduates will be in a strong position to enter and successfully complete graduate study programs in the social sciences and humanities as well as obtain professional degrees and credentials leading to a range of careers. Graduates of our program are likely to pursue professions in, for example, social work, library science, education (K-12, community college, and university levels), health care (counselor, psychologist, midwife, doctor, nurse, hospice, and hospital counseling), and law (civil rights attorney, legal representation for domestic abuse and violence cases, human rights law).

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAJOR

For a description of degree requirements to be fulfilled in addition to those listed below for the major, please see “The Bachelor’s Degree” section of the catalog, pp. 66-80.

All courses required for the major must be completed with a minimum grade of C-.

Core Courses [26 units]

Required:
CRGS 108 (3) Power/Privilege: Gender & Race, Sex, Class

Historical Content:
Choose one of the following:
ES 105 (3) Intro to Ethnic Studies, or
WS 107 (3) Women, Culture, History

Contemporary Issues:
Choose one of the following:
ES 106 (3) Intro to Black Studies, or
WS 106 (3) Intro to Women’s Studies

Upper Division [12 units]

CRGS 330 (3) Women of Color Feminisms
CRGS 360 (4) Race, Gender & US Law
CRGS 390 (4) Theory & Methods
CRGS 485 (1) Senior Portfolio

Community Engagement & Leadership [5 units required]

CRGS 313/EDUC 313 (3) Community Activism

Plus two units from the following courses:
CRGS 482 (1-3) Internship, or
CRGS 491 (1-2) Mentoring

Select one of the following emphases:

Ethnic Studies Emphasis [16 units]

Core courses plus:
ES 310 (4) US-Mexico Border

Take 12 units from the following list, chosen in consultation with major advisor:
CRGS 235 (1) Act to End Sexualized Violence
ES 107 (3) Chicano/Latin@ Lives
ES 245 (3) Hip Hop & the Black Experience
ES 304 (3) Migrations and Mosaics

or other advisor approved courses.

Multicultural Queer Studies Emphasis [16 units required]

Core courses plus:
CRGS 430/ANTH 430 (3-4) “Queer” Across Cultures

Take 12 units from the following list, chosen in consultation with major advisor:
CRGS 235 (1) Act to End Sexualized Violence
CRGS 321 (3) Trans* Lives and Theory

ES 336/WS 336/ENGL 336 (4) American Ethnic Literature
ES 465 (4) Multicultural Issues in Literature & Language
ES 480 (1-3) Special Topics in Ethnic Studies

or other advisor approved courses.
Women's Studies Emphasis
[16 units required]

Core courses plus:
WS 315/ANTH 315 [4] Sex, Gender, and Globalization *

Take 12 units from the following list, chosen in consultation with major advisor:

CRGS 235 [1] Act to End Sexualized Violence
CRGS 430/ANTH 430 [3-4] "Queer" Across Cultures *

WS 340 [3-4] Ecofeminism *
WS 480 [1-5] Selected Topics in Women's Studies or other advisor approved courses.

* Students must take a minimum of two courses with transnational focus.