

RACE AND ETHNIC STUDIES MINOR

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Description

The race and ethnic studies (RES) minor examines how racial and ethnic categories are created and maintained – politically, socially and culturally. RES uses critical, interdisciplinary and comparative approaches to study race relations as they intersect with factors including gender and sexuality, class, religion and immigration status. The minor prepares students for life and work in a world increasingly characterized by difference derived from racial and ethnic identities.

Learning Outcomes

Facilitate understanding of how the social constructions of race affect the social fabric of our historical and contemporary world; enhance students' abilities to appreciate differences and to actively and critically engage in civic responsibilities, especially with respect to social justice; prepare students to negotiate an increasingly interconnected world and apply their education in a wide range of occupations; gain exposure to the theories and methods of ethnic studies; and compare representations of borderlands, hybridity, migration and diaspora from different cultures to comprehend how national boundaries, as well as local, national, and transnational cultures and politics, affect the constitution of racial and ethnic categories.

Classes for the RES minor are housed in a variety of departments in the College of Liberal Arts, offering students a truly interdisciplinary experience. Please contact the [Global Racial and Social Inequality Lab \(GRSI.LAB@unh.edu\)](mailto:GRSI.LAB@unh.edu) for minor advising.

Requirements

The race and ethnic studies minor consists of five courses or 20 credits. To complete a minor, students are required to:

1. Enroll in an introductory-level course. (These are listed on the minor website each semester.)
2. Enroll in at least one course at the 600/700-level.
3. Understand that no more than 8 credits used to satisfy the requirements for a major may be used for a minor.
4. Earn a C- or better in each course and maintain a 2.0 grade-point average in courses taken for the minor.

List of Courses Approved for the Minor

Code	Title	Credits
ANTH 500	Peoples and Cultures of the World (when focus is Latin America, SubSaharan Africa or Middle East/North Africa)	4
ANTH #610	Medical Anthropology: Illness and Healing	4
ANTH #616	Religion, Culture, and Society	4
ANTH 625	Sexuality in Cross-Cultural Perspectives	4
ANTH 697/ENGL 693	Special Topics (American Roots Music)	4
ANTH 750	Islam and Gender: Gendered Lives of Muslims	4
CMN #515	Analysis of News	4
CMN 567	Gender, Race, and Class in the Media	4
CMN #696	Seminar in Media Studies (Topics in Film/Race, Class, Gender)	4

ENGL #517	Black Creative Expression	4
ENGL 550	Introduction to the Literature and Culture of Race	4
ENGL 581	Reading the Postcolonial Experience	4
ENGL 585	Introduction to Women in Literature	4
ENGL 595	Literary Topics (Intro/Caribbean Lit in English ONLINE)	4
ENGL 606	Languages of the World	4
ENGL 609	Ethnicity in America: The African American Experience in the 20th Century	4
ENGL 650	I Hear America Singing: Studying American Literature and Culture (Latino/A Literature, Comics & Graphic Narratives, Consumer Culture)	4
ENGL 714	Critical Skills (topic: On Race)	4
ENGL 739	American Indian Literature	4
ENGL 778/WS 798	Race and Gender in Film and Popular Culture	4
HIST 505	African American History	4
HIST #506	African American History	4
HIST 532	Modern Latin America	4
HIST 588	History of Modern Africa: 1870 to the Present	4
HIST 632	Latin American History: Topics	4
HUMA 730	Special Studies (Race Theory)	4
POLT 546	Wealth and Politics in Asia	4
POLT 565	United States Policy in Latin America	4
PSYC 571	Pioneers of Psychology	4
PSYC 791	Special Topics (Psychology and Race)	4
SPAN 526	Introduction to Latin American Cultures	4
SPAN 798	Topics in Hispanic Linguistics and Cultural Studies (Language & Id in Spanish)	4
SW 697	Special Topics in Social Welfare (Exploring Social Justice)	4
WS 401	Introduction to Women's Studies	4
WS 405	Gender, Power and Privilege	4
WS 444A	Race Matters	4
WS #444C	On the Roads to Equality	4
WS 444D	Cyborgs, Avatars, and Feminists: Gender in the Virtual World	4
WS 505	Survey in Women's Studies (Only topics: Leadership for Social Change, Queer Cinema, Queer Sustainability, Goba Sex Industry, Race, Gender and Environmental Justice, Feminist Perspectives on Media)	4
WS 632	Feminist Thought	4
WS 798	Colloquium (Women in Prison)	4

Additional Information

Courses taken pass/fail may not be used toward a minor. A relevant internship may be substituted for one of the electives.

After completing the 20-credit sequence, the student submits the Certification of Completion of Minor form, available online or from the RES coordinator. Once this certification is approved by the RES coordinator and major adviser, the form goes to the college dean and the registrar to be recorded on the transcript. The certification form must be completed by the beginning of the student's final semester at the University.