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 (MQS). 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 MQS. 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. 67-82.

Unit Requirements

Core units: 26
Emphasis units: 16
Total units in the major: 42
Total units required for the degree: 120

Special Grade Requirement

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

Core Courses (26 units)

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

Historical Content
Complete one course:
ES 105 (3) Intro to Ethnic Studies
WS 107 (3) Women, Culture, History

Contemporary Issues
Complete one course:
ES 106 (3) Intro to Black Studies
WS 106 (3) Intro to Women’s Studies

Upper Division
CRGS 330 (3) Women of Color Feminisms
CRGS 360 (4) Race, Gender & US Law
CRGS 390 (4) Theory & Methods
CRGS 485 (1) Professional Development

Community Engagement & Leadership
CRGS 313/EDUC 313 (3) Community Activism

Complete 2 units from the following courses:
CRGS 482 (1-3) Internship
CRGS 491 (1-2) Mentoring

Emphases

Complete one of the following emphases to fulfill the requirements of the major:

Ethnic Studies Emphasis [16 units]
ES 310 (4) US-Mexico Border

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

CRGS 235 (1) Act to End Sexualized Violence
ES 107 (3) Chicano/Latinx Lives
ES 245 (3) Hip Hop & the Black Experience
ES 304 (3) Migrations and Mosaics
ES 305 (3) African American Cultural History
ES 306 (3) World Regions Cultural Studies
ES 308 (3) Multi-Ethnic Resistance in the US
ES 314 (3) Chicano Culture & Society
ES 325 (3) From Civil Rights to Black Power
ES 326 (4) Media & the Politics of Representation
ES 336/WS 336/ENGL 336 (4) American Ethnic Literature
ES 465B-C/ENGL 465B-C/WS 465B-C (4) Multicultural Issues in Literature/Languages
ES 480 (1-3) Special Topics in Ethnic Studies

or other advisor approved courses.

Multicultural Queer Studies Emphasis [16 units]

CRGS 430 (3-4) “Queer” Across Cultures

Complete 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 [when offered as Multicultural Queer Narratives]
ES 465B-C/ENGL 465B-C/WS 465B-C (4) Multicultural Issues in Literature/Languages [when offered as Performing Race & Gender]
FILM 465 (4) Film Seminar [when offered as Queer Movies]
PSYC 236 (1) Choice & Changes in Sexuality
PSYC 436/WS 436 (3) Human Sexuality
PSYC 437 (3) Sexual Diversity
WS 318/EDUC 318 (3) Gay and Lesbian Issues in Schools
WS 350 (4) Health & Body Politics
WS 370  (3-4) Queer Women's Lives, or
ENGL 360  (4) Special Topics in Literature
    (when offered as Queer
     Women's Literature)

or other advisor approved courses.

**Women's Studies Emphasis [16 units]**

WS 315  [4] Sex, Gender, and
        Globalization\(^{(1)}\)

*Complete 12 units from the following list,
chosen in consultation with major advisor:
At least two courses must have a transna-
tional focus.*

CRGS 235  [1] Act to End Sexualized
        Violence
CRGS 430  [3-4] “Queer” Across Cultures\(^{(1)}\)
        Ethnic Literature
        Movements\(^{(1)}\)
        Development
        Seminar
WS 340  [3-4] Ecofeminism\(^{(1)}\)
WS 370  [3-4] Queer Women's Lives, or
ENGL 360  [4] when offered as Queer
        Women's Literature
WS 465B-C/ENGL 465B-C/ES 465B-C
        Literature/Languages
WS 480  [1-5] Selected Topics in
        Women's Studies

or other advisor approved courses.

\(^{(1)}\) courses with transnational focus.