Ethnic Studies…

is about the traditions and struggles of our communities, about who we are and where we are headed.

Ethnic Studies at UHM

The Department of Ethnic Studies at the University of Hawaiian at Manoa offers an integrated program of academic instruction to students interested in the role of ethnicity in Hawaiian and American society, history and culture. The Department is designed to bring together resources at the University and in the community in a way that facilitates a thorough understanding of the historical and contemporary experiences of a multiethnic community.

The Ethnic Studies faculty believes that the classroom should not be separated from the community. Thus, much learning occurs through interaction with individuals from the community who give guest lectures, open their communities for tours and participate in other innovative teaching methods.

Library research materials are extensive. The Hawaiian and Pacific Collections at Hamilton Library have valuable historical and contemporary materials. The Ethnic Studies Resource Center contains unique materials of interest to students, researchers and the community. Every semester the Ethnic Studies Colloquium Series provides a forum for the discussion of recent Ethnic Studies research with special emphasis on current community issues in Hawai‘i.

WHAT CAN YOU GAIN FROM ETHNIC STUDIES?

“Ethnic Studies provided me with an opportunity to develop my own major “Native Hawaiians and Social Issues.”
As an active member of my community I am able to use my major in my everyday work providing me with a well balanced perspective of Hawai‘i’s multi-ethnic population.”

Cathy Alana, Drug Counselor
Drug Addiction Services Hawaii (DASH)

“For those students who grew up with the local experience, Ethnic Studies provides a better understanding of that experience – historically, contemporarily and for the future. For those without that experience, it provides an opportunity to get in touch with it and learn about. If Hawai‘i is to remain a special place, people need to have an understanding and open hearts and minds about Hawai‘i’s people.”

Guy Fujimura, Secretary Treasurer
International Longshoremen and Warehousemen’s Union (ILWU), Local 142

“The Ethnic Studies Program at the University is the only viable link towards re-establishing an effective process for grass roots involvement and local people.”

Colette Machado, Director
Chairperson, Office of Hawaiian Affairs
Molokai

Certificate Program

In our multi-ethnic world, fulfillment in both our relationships with others and our life goals often depend upon our sensitivity toward people from different cultures.

Are you planning to make your home in Hawai‘i, California, or some other multi-ethnic area? Are you planning to enter an occupation – teaching, social work, business, nursing, the law, medicine, travel industry – where you will be called upon to interact with people of varying ethnic backgrounds?

If so, you may find the Certificate in Ethnic Studies offered by the Department of Ethnic Studies to be a useful and valuable part of your studies at Mānoa.
ABOUT THE CERTIFICATE

ACADEMICALLY, the ES Certificate Program provides the student with a firm grounding in the theory of ethnic groups and race relations as well as analysis of historical and contemporary problems. Students will have the opportunity to expand their understanding and ability to relate to ethnic issues in their fields of study and to apply critical thinking.

PRACTICALLY, many jobs today demand a competence in cross-cultural skills, as well as an appreciation of ethnic backgrounds, differences, values and dynamics. This is particularly true for jobs in Hawai‘i and ethnically diverse areas such as California, the Southwest, New York, etc.

The CERTIFICATE is not only helpful in obtaining employment, but also increases one’s ability to interact in the community where she/he lives and works.

Students interested in the Ethnic Studies Certificate Program should contact and set an appointment with the Department of Ethnic Studies Certificate Advisor. Students who complete all the courses required for the Certificate must send a copy of their transcript to the Ethnic Studies Department to verify courses and grades.

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ETHNIC STUDIES CERTIFICATE

A student may obtain a Certificate in Ethnic Studies after completing 18 credit hours with a “B” average and no less than a “C” grade in any course selected from the Ethnic Studies Curriculum.

A. Introductory Course (3 credits)
   ___ ES 101: Introduction to Ethnic Studies

B. Two courses dealing with the history and social dynamics of the various major ethnic groups. (6 credits)
   ___ ES 221: Hawaiians
   ___ ES 305: The African American Experience I
   ___ ES 306: The African American Experience II
   ___ ES 330: Japanese In Hawai‘i
   ___ ES 331: Chinese in Hawai‘i
   ___ ES 333: Filipinos in Hawai‘i

___ ES 338: American Indian Experience
___ ES 339: South Asian Migrants: Culture and Politics

C. Three courses that focus on the history, theories and problems of ethnic groups and ethnicity in the framework of social, economic and political change. (9 credits)
   ___ ES 213: Race, Class, and Gender in Popular Culture
   ___ ES 214: Introduction to Race and Ethnic Relations
   ___ ES 301: Ethnic Identity
   (May be substituted for ES 101)
   ___ ES 310: Ethnicity & Community: Hawai‘i
   ___ ES 318: Asian America: Survey
   ___ ES 320: Hawai‘i & the Pacific
   ___ ES 340: Land Tenure & Use in Hawai‘i
   ___ ES 350: Economic Change & Hawai‘i’s People
   ___ ES 360: Immigration to Hawai‘i and U.S.
   ___ ES 365: Pacific/Asian Women in Hawai‘i
   ___ ES 370: Ethnic Literatures of Hawai‘i
   ___ ES 372: Asian American Literature
   ___ ES 373: Filipino Americans: History, Culture & Politics
   ___ ES 375: Issues of Diversity in Higher Education
   ___ ES 380: Field Work in Ethnic Studies
   (Max of 3 credits towards Certificate)
   ___ ES 381: Social Movements in Hawai‘i
   ___ ES 390: Gender and Race in U.S. Society
   ___ ES 392: Change in the Pacific-Polynesia
   ___ ES 395: Multiethnic Popular Culture: Hip Hop
   ___ ES 399: Directed Reading/Research
   (Max of 3 credits towards Certificate)
   ___ ES 410: Race, Class and the Law
   ___ ES 418: Women & Work
   ___ ES 420: American Ethnic & Race Relations
   ___ ES 440: Contemporary African diaspora and Black Communities Beyond the United States
   ___ ES 443: Filipino Americans: Research Topics
   ___ ES 455 B: Comparative Ethnic Conflict: The Middle East
   ___ ES 455 C: Comparative Ethnic Conflict: Hawaiian Sovereignty
   ___ ES 456: Racism and Ethnicity in Hawai‘i
   ___ ES 460: Ethnic Conflict
   ___ ES 480: Qualitative Research Methods
   ___ ES 486: Peoples of Hawai‘i
   ___ ES 492: Politics of Multiculturalism
   ___ ES 493: Oral History: Theory & Practice
   ___ ES 495: Hawaiian Labor History
   ___ ES 496: Special Topics in Ethnic Studies

APPLICATION FOR THE CERTIFICATE IN ETHNIC STUDIES

NAME: _____________________________
UH ID #: __________________________
ADDRESS: _________________________
PHONE #: _________________________
E-MAIL: ___________________________
MAJOR: __________________________
DATE OF EXPECTED GRADUATION: __________________________ (SEMESTER/YEAR)
SIGNATURE: _______________________
DATE: ____________________________

Please drop-off or mail this form to:
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University of Hawai‘i
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George Hall Rm. 301
Honolulu, HI 96822
Phone: (808) 956-8086
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** Note: This application is valid for four (4) years from the date received by the department after which you must reapply.

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:
Date Received: ____________________
Expiration Date: ___________________

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