

# ETHNIC AND CULTURAL STUDIES

COLLEGE OF LETTERS AND SCIENCE • DIVISION OF HUMANITIES, ARTS AND CULTURAL STUDIES



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*As an ethnic and cultural studies major at UC Davis, you'll have the advantage of experiencing the smaller classes and personal attention typical of a private liberal arts college, yet still have the wide-ranging resources of a large research university at your fingertips. World-class faculty and visiting instructors are accessible and eager to share their insights with you. You'll find that your professors are there for you, helping you grow personally and intellectually while gaining skills that will allow you to thrive after graduation.*

*Ethnic and cultural studies majors have gone on to careers in cross-cultural education, museum and cultural center administration, government, social services, community development, public health, medicine, law, journalism and international business.*

## ETHNIC AND CULTURAL STUDIES MAJORS

### African American and African Studies

A major in African American and African studies gives you a deep appreciation of the impact of African American and African influences on modern culture. You will draw on multiple academic disciplines, including history, literature, art, popular culture, anthropology and political science, to gain a thorough understanding of the nature of African American and African societies, their struggles and traditions of the past and present. The instructors are creative, accessible and highly qualified, with specializations in a range of disciplines. You may choose to enrich your education by studying for a quarter or a year in Africa, and you will be encouraged to take advantage of our wide-ranging internship opportunities.

Questions? Contact the department at 2201 Hart Hall, (530) 752-1548, [aas@ucdavis.edu](mailto:aas@ucdavis.edu), [aas.ucdavis.edu](http://aas.ucdavis.edu).

### American Studies

The culture of the United States is a distinctive blend of traditions and institutions from around the globe with innovations and concepts unique to this country. The American studies program offers students an understanding of how America's many cultures contribute to the tapestry of American society. Through the study of interpretive works, folklore, folk life, and fine and popular culture, American studies majors celebrate the diversity of American experiences and

examine difficult questions about race, gender, class and other factors that affect American lives.

Questions? Contact the department at 2134A Hart Hall, (530) 752-3377, [americanstudies@ucdavis.edu](mailto:americanstudies@ucdavis.edu), [ams.ucdavis.edu](http://ams.ucdavis.edu).

### Asian American Studies

The Asian American studies major examines the stories, contributions and struggles of various Asian American ethnic groups in their historical, political and cultural contexts. One of the first in the nation, our Asian American studies program draws on multiple disciplines to provide a rich education. The major also offers opportunities to work directly with the local Asian American community through such programs as the Asian Community Center, the Asian Legal Services Organization and the Asian Free Clinic.

Questions? Contact the department at 3131 Hart Hall, (530) 752-4447, [asa.ucdavis.edu](http://asa.ucdavis.edu).

### Chicana/Chicano Studies

The Chicana/o studies major provides a unique opportunity to study in Latin America, and to serve and understand the Chicano/Latino community. Policy makers must know specifics about the people, comprehend and appreciate the culture and understand how to work with this fast-growing community. The major

offers an interdisciplinary curriculum that focuses on the Chicana/Chicano experience through an analysis of class, race-ethnicity, gender, sexuality and cultural expression within the historical and contemporary experiences of Chicanas/os in the Americas.

Questions? Contact the department at 2102 Hart Hall, (530) 752-2421, [chi.ucdavis.edu](http://chi.ucdavis.edu).

### Native American Studies

Native American studies offers the opportunity to understand and learn from the history and traditions of the indigenous peoples of North, Central and South America. Drawing from the philosophy, politics, social values and arts of Native American cultures, the major will provide you with insight into a diverse population of people. You will develop the research capabilities and critical thinking skills to foster a broad understanding of the human experience. The Department of Native American Studies has been on the UC Davis campus since 1993 and offers B.A., M.A. and Ph.D. degrees.

Questions? Contact the department at 2401 Hart Hall, (530) 752-3237 or (530) 752-6656, [nas.ucdavis.edu](http://nas.ucdavis.edu).

### Women's Studies

Women's studies draws on elements of several disciplines to examine how factors of gender, sexuality, race and class affect society on multiple levels. The

program provides a grounding in feminist theory and encourages critical thinking and application of theory to personal situations. The faculty at UC Davis is diverse and particularly distinguished in cross-cultural studies of gender both within and outside the United States.

Questions? Contact the department at 2222 Hart Hall, (530) 752-4686, [wms.ucdavis.edu](http://wms.ucdavis.edu).

### **Undeclared—Humanities Undeclared—Social Sciences**

If you'll be entering UC Davis as a freshman and you're undecided on your major, consider the College of Letters and Science's undeclared—humanities and undeclared—social sciences options. You'll benefit from professional guidance as you investigate possible majors and develop new personal strengths. Visit the Counseling Center for personal interest assessment testing, or use the Internship and Career Center's computerized career assessment tools to help you find majors that align with your interests.

Questions? Contact an adviser at 200 Social Science & Humanities Bldg., (530) 752-0392, [advising.ucdavis.edu](http://advising.ucdavis.edu).

### **Other Major Options**

The College of Letters and Sciences offers an individual major for students who want to forge their own academic path. Students with strong interests in more than one academic discipline may wish to consider a double major. All UC Davis colleges offer academic minors, as well.

The individual major program is designed for the student with multiple interests and educational goals not satisfied within the limits of an already established undergraduate major. The program essentially integrates courses from two or more specialization areas. The major is designed by the student and is subject to approval by faculty advisers and appropriate college committees.

Another approach to individualized academic planning that allows a student to combine two or more interests is the minor program. For most students, the

minor either complements the major and/or covers a field of study significantly different from the major. The minor is certified on the student's transcript.

The double major program is still another alternative, but one which leaves even less time for elective courses. The double major requires approval by the appropriate faculty advisers and dean, and students must show that there is a significant difference between the disciplines and requirements of both majors involved. Cross-college majors can be developed with majors in two different colleges.

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