Metropolitan State University

ETHS 499 : Ethnic Studies Capstone

A. Course Description

Credits: 4

Lab Hours/ Weeks: Corequisites: None

Lecture Hours/ Week :

MnTC Goals: Goal LS - Upper Division Liberal Studies, Goal 07 - Human Diversity

This course is designed to engage ethnic studies majors in a final integrative experience in weekly seminars. Students explore major issues surrounding race, ethnicity and culture while completing a senior research project.

B. Course Effective Dates: 02/06/1998 - 09/05/1999 09/06/1999 - Present

C. Outline of Major Content Areas:

See Course Description for major content areas.

D. Learning Outcomes (General)

1. Comparatively examine the historical, political, social and cultural implications of structural inequalities in the United States.
2. Demonstrate a comprehensive knowledge of Ethnic Studies concepts, methodology and application.
3. Exhibit a solid grasp of conceptual and theoretical schemata within the inter-disciplinary approaches pertinent to Ethnic Studies.
4. Recognize and discuss various methodological approaches within Ethnic Studies.

E. Learning Outcomes (MN Transfer Curriculum)

Goal LS - Upper Division Liberal Studies

None

Goal 07 - Human Diversity

1. Demonstrate an awareness of the individual and institutional dynamics of unequal power relations between groups in contemporary society.
2. Analyze their own attitudes, behaviors, concepts and beliefs regarding diversity, racism, and bigotry.
3. Understand the development of and the changing meanings of group identities in the United States' history and culture.
4. Describe and discuss the experience and contributions (political, social, economic, etc.) of the many groups that shape American society and culture, in particular those groups that have suffered discrimination and exclusion.
5. Demonstrate communication skills necessary for living and working effectively in a society with great population diversity.

G. Special Information

Community Engagement
Note: Enrollment restricted to declared ETHS majors only.