STUDENT NARRATIVES
What does ethnic studies mean to you?

Ethnic studies allowed me to realize how important my voice and experience are to not only creating change in my personal self-empowerment journey, but also the wider social justice movement.

-Asuka Nosaka

Ethnic studies has taught me about truths, privilege and identity... It has shown me the necessity of my own education

-Kelsey Giles

It is truly empowering to be an ethnic studies major. Some of the best relationships and support systems I have gotten have been through the department.

-Destiny Story

"We have to talk about liberating minds as well as liberating society."
- Angela Davis
GET AN ADVANTAGE

Ethnic Studies prepares students to live and work in a rapidly changing world.

- The trend is clear: the U.S. is becoming an increasingly diverse nation, workforce diversity is critical and necessary.
- Organizations are realizing that to be successful in today’s world they must learn to recognize and use diversity to their advantage.

BECOME AN ADVOCATE

Ethnic Studies at Colorado State University prepares students to become civic-minded and culturally informed. Our department instills a sense of social responsibility in our students, and takes pride in helping to form the minds of outspoken leaders in our communities.

COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT

Our program promotes work with underrepresented population groups in our region and helps connect students with opportunities that can lead to jobs after graduation through a variety of community research, internships, and independent study opportunities.

ENGAGE IN CRITICAL THINKING

- Students learn more and think in deeper and more complex ways in a diverse educational environment
- Find deep connections with our students, faculty, and staff through conversation and participation.

ADVANCE YOUR KNOWLEDGE

- Knowledge to analyze how race intersects with other forces of social differentiation in national and global contexts: gender, sexuality, and class.
- Knowledge of the social, cultural, and economic histories of racial and ethnic groups domestically and globally.
- How various racial groups sustain their humanity through cultural preservation, transference, and renewal.

FINANCIAL AID

Work with the student financial services office on campus to navigate the process of obtaining financial aid.

The Department of Ethnic Studies offers the following scholarships:
- Undergraduate
- Graduate
- Hiram & Trudi deFries
- Harriet Patsy Boyer

PROGRAM OPTIONS

- Minor: Ethnic Studies or Women’s Studies
- B.A. Ethnic Studies
- B.A. Ethnic Studies with Concentration in Women’s Studies
- M.A. Ethnic Studies
- M.A. Certificate in Women’s Studies

WHY A DEGREE IN ETHNIC STUDIES?

The Center for Women’s Studies and Gender Research (CWSGR) at Colorado State University is an interdisciplinary apex of research, academic, and teaching program in the Department of Ethnic Studies. The program is devoted to examining the positions of women and the organization of gendered relations in culture and society from both intellectual and activist perspectives. Central to our consideration of women and gender is a commitment to investigating the intersections of class, race, ethnicity, sexual identities, queer identities, non-heteronormative identities, age, ability, citizenship, empire, nation, and national origin along the social structures and power continuums of oppression, difference, and privilege. CWSGR is housed within the Department of Ethnic Studies in the College of Liberal Arts.