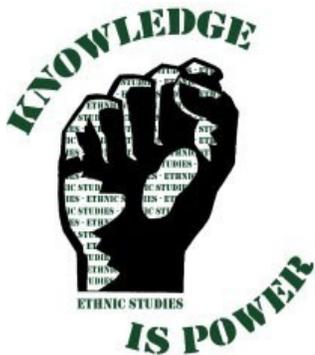


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M.A. in Ethnic Studies

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A Practical Degree in a Complex and Changing World

Unique to the mountain west is Colorado State University's M.A. in Ethnic Studies. The M.A. degree is the only Ethnic Studies masters program in the State of Colorado. The program addresses issues related to the growing diversity of U.S. society and workforce, ethnic conflict worldwide, and globalization.

Issues of race and ethnicity are increasing in significance due to deep structural shifts and cultural practices locally, nationally, and internationally. Difficult challenges emanate from deeply rooted racial conflicts as well as from people, cultures, and capital crossing national borders. The consequences of inattention to this reality

are enormous.

Comprehending the dynamic processes of social formations from a multitude of disciplines is critical in identifying the problematic areas in which intervention and/or additional research may be necessary.

Program Orientation

The Ethnic Studies graduate program seeks to teach students to understand the unique and interlocking experiences of racially marginalized groups and to analyze how race intersects with other forces of social differentiation, such as gender, sexuality, and class, in the national and international contexts. The program recognizes the importance not only of the

history of racial exclusion and marginalization, but also the creative ways in which various racial groups sustain their humanity through cultural preservation, transference, and renewal. Ethnic Studies is committed to nurturing students to become culturally aware, astute, civic-minded individuals who strive to strengthen the communities in which they reside. Because the study of ethnic groups intrinsically reveals how race structures life chances and opportunities, the scholarly orientation of the Ethnic Studies Department reflects a commitment to meaningful changes in public policy and social life.

Ethnic Studies Program Objectives

Academic Excellence: Maintain high levels of academic excellence while training students to be creative critical thinkers and responsible leaders and citizens in the rapidly changing and global arenas of social, economic, and political life. *Access and Success:* Provide

underrepresented populations with increased access to higher education and ensure their academic success through mentoring and peer support. *Diversity:* Initiate and develop new programs for meeting the University's diversity goals and build on

existing curricula and programs. *Social Justice:* Promote a university culture that embraces and engages social equity issues. *Community empowerment:* Bridge to underrepresented communities by supporting community-based research and teaching.

Education either functions as an instrument which is used to facilitate integration of the younger generation into the logic of the present system and bring about conformity or it becomes the practice of freedom, the means by which men and women deal critically and creatively with reality and discover how to participate in the transformation of their world.

~Paulo Freire

M.A. in Ethnic Studies—Requirements for Degree

1. Completion of a minimum of 30 semester credits for Plan A. Completion of a minimum of 32 credits for Plan B
2. Completion of required core courses
3. Oral defense of a Master's thesis or professional paper
4. Completion of a Master's thesis or specialized paper

30-32 credits are the minimum required for an Ethnic Studies Master's degree. A minimum of 24 credits must be earned at CSU, 21 of which must be earned after admission to the Graduate School.

At least 21 credits must be in 500 or higher level courses and at least 12 must be in regular courses. For Plan A, three (3) thesis credits are required and a maximum of 6 credits allowed. For Plan B, three (3) independent study or internship credits are required and a maximum of 6 credits allowed

Criteria for Admission

1. A complete application and accompanying information
2. A bachelor's degree or equivalent, with a minimum average of 3.0 (A = 4.00). If your average is below 3.0 and if sufficient evidence indicates that you can perform well in a graduate program

you may still be considered for admission

3. A personal statement
4. Foreign students are required to supply evidence of proficiency in oral and written English
5. Three letters of recommendation

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Graduate Certificate in Women's Studies

The graduate-level certification in Women's Studies at Colorado State is for students who for professional and/or personal reasons wish to supplement their graduate programs of study. The program presumes a background in Women's Studies courses or their equivalent. Entering

students should be able to demonstrate competency in the methodology and subject matter of an Introduction to Women's Studies course and one upper-division Women's Studies course. Students who wish to pursue certification in the Women's Studies Interdisciplinary Program at the

graduate level must apply at the Office of Women's Programs and Studies. Completion of requirements in the Women's Studies Interdisciplinary Program will be noted on the student's permanent record, and the student will also receive a certificate.



Feminist politics aims to end domination, to free us to be who we are—to live lives where we love justice, where we can live in peace.

Feminism is for everybody.

~bell hooks



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Colorado State University is a land-grant institution and a Carnegie Doctoral/Research University-Extensive. It is ranked in the top tier of universities in U.S. News and World Report's rankings of "America's Best Colleges and Universities," while Kiplinger's Personal Finance Magazine named CSU one of the top public universities in the United States in terms of

educational quality and affordability.

CSU is located in Fort Collins, Colorado, which is situated on nearly 5,000 acres of land, including the main campus, a foothills campus, an agricultural campus, and a mountain campus. Fort Collins is an award-winning city located on the Front Range

of the Rocky Mountains with the foothills and 14,000-foot peaks visible to residents. Easy access to hiking, skiing, rafting and other outdoor sports is a great advantage to CSU students, faculty and staff. Located north of the Denver metro area, CSU is less than an hour away from one of the nation's leading airports – Denver International Airport.