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The Ethnicity, Race, and First Nations Studies program offered by ASU's New College of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences provides an integrated, comparative, and interdisciplinary approach to the study of racial and ethnic groups in their local, national, and global contexts. As the first and only such major in Arizona, students are encouraged to develop a critical understanding of the diversity among and between ethnic, racial, and first nations populations. This understanding is essential in order to respond to economic, cultural, and political relationships that are increasingly global and interdependent.

ABOUT ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY

Arizona State University is one of the premier comprehensive universities in the nation. We are leading the transformation of American higher education through a model that is academically rigorous and embraces the educational needs of the entire population, not just a select group. We are a force for discovery, turning students into innovative leaders who will shape the future. We take responsibility for the economic, social, cultural and environmental health of the communities we serve, and we conduct research by considering its impact on the public good.

ASU's New College of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences prepares students to take their place as independent thinkers and active participants in a rapidly changing world. Its programs provide the skills necessary for effective expression and a greater understanding and appreciation of diverse cultures, both past and present. New College imparts to its students a sensitivity to the artistic dimension of human expression and the natural environment, as well as providing them with a greater understanding of scientific inquiry. The integrating theme of New College is a focus on social concern and community engagement.

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**ETHNICITY, RACE, AND
FIRST NATIONS STUDIES**

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PROGRAM OVERVIEW

This unique program features a career-focused framework that fosters the study of ethnicity and first nations across the curriculum. The program examines both theoretical and applied perspectives as to how ethnicity and first nations shape our identities, literacy, public policies and communities. Students collaborate with faculty and community members to address concrete issues facing racial and ethnic groups and first nations.

After completing the program, students are exceptionally well-prepared to integrate their knowledge in ethnic studies with their career or advanced educational goals. With a solid combination of research skills, information competency, and hands-on field experience, graduates gain a significant advantage in acquiring jobs in the global, state, and local labor markets.

Ethnicity, Race, and First Nations Studies requires an internship component and further distinguishes itself and fosters campus life by hosting an annual campus-based lecture series, which features local and internationally renowned scholars, artists, cultural workers, and community activists.

A minor degree and certificate in Ethnicity, Race, and First Nations Studies are also offered to undergraduate and graduate students.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Requirements for Ethnicity, Race, and First Nations Studies include core, cluster, career-area courses, and an internship.

Core requirements
(12 units) include:

- an introduction to the field
- a research methods course
- a cross-cultural writing course
- a community-based internship

Cluster requirements
(24 units grouped into four areas) include:

- Identity
- Literacy
- Community and policy
- Transnational matters

Career area requirements (9 units) are based on career focus areas and include arts and music, business, education and teaching, health, law, policy and public sector, Spanish, science and technology, and social entrepreneurship.

INTERNSHIP

The internship program places students in a variety of public or private community-based settings in which they will experience first-hand the diversity of our community and society. Internships have led to full-time careers and graduate and professional schools. Interns have worked with such high-profile organizations as the Arizona Legislature, St. Mary's Food Bank, No More Deaths, Salvation Army, Cave Creek Museum, and Chicanos Por La Causa.

CAREER POTENTIAL

With the growing challenges of globalization and a global economy, it is imperative that graduated students are equipped with the critical knowledge to work and interact with people from very diverse backgrounds and socioeconomic settings. As a liberal arts degree, the Ethnicity, Race, and First Nations Studies program is designed to prepare students to effectively function in this exciting, changing environment, giving graduates an edge in the marketplace.

Students in this program identify a career area that will enable them to integrate their knowledge with coursework tied to their professional interests and advanced educational goals. Students will participate in high-quality internships, applying research methods and other classroom skills to real-life work settings.

Graduates can look forward to career opportunities in public and private sectors, such as:

- Community relations and development
- Community service professions
- Criminal justice system
- Diversity consulting
- Healthcare professions
- Higher education
- Management and marketing
- Museum and curator sciences
- Politics and legislative affairs
- Public administration
- Public relations
- Research analysis
- Teaching

ACCELERATED M.A. IN INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

Ethnicity, Race, and First Nations Studies provides an important foundation from which to enter law school or a master's program. Additionally, the program is among several interdisciplinary majors that grants six units toward completion of the M.A. Interdisciplinary Sciences program.

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