

EDGEWOOD COLLEGE

# ETHNIC STUDIES



Ethnic Studies at Edgewood College integrates multiple perspectives and disciplines to study the historical and contemporary experiences of African American, Latino American, Asian and Pacific American, and Native American peoples and other historically marginalized racial and ethnic groups in the United States within a global and postcolonial context. Combining academic excellence with a commitment to social justice, our interdisciplinary undergraduate major and minor prepare students for ethical leadership and personal fulfillment in an increasingly multicultural, transnational, and globalized society.

The program offers a wide range of courses that fulfill both Multicultural Perspectives and many other General Education requirements. Ethnic Studies courses also complement many majors in the humanities, social sciences, the arts, and education, such as English, History, Religious Studies, Psychology, Sociology, Art, Communication Studies, and various Education or Teaching majors. It is often possible to pair an Ethnic Studies major with a more traditional major or minor represented in the program.

The program is administered by the Center for Multicultural Education in the School of Integrative Studies.

## MAJORS

Ethnic Studies

## MINORS

Ethnic Studies

### Career Paths

Ethnic Studies develops the multicultural awareness, knowledge, and skills necessary for today's increasingly diverse workplace. Moreover, the major/minor enables interdisciplinary inquiry and problem-solving, self-discovery, and commitment to social justice.

A background in ethnic studies provides a strong foundation for a career in the fields of diversity and inclusion, education, health care services, business, advertising and marketing, advocacy, journalism, community organizing, social services, psychology, counseling, and a wide variety of civil service positions in all levels of government, as well as graduate study in a number of disciplines.

### Ethnic Studies Scholarships

Ethnic Studies scholarships are available for full-time students who major or minor in Ethnic Studies at Edgewood College.

### CME Distinguished Lecture Series

Each year, to advance multicultural inquiry, understanding, and engagement for both faculty and students, the Center for Multicultural Education invites to campus an eminent national scholar or author in ethnic studies. Our spring 2012 lecture featured Dr. Leslie Bow, Professor of English and Asian American Studies at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, and author of *"Partly Colored": Asian Americans and Racial Anomaly in the Segregated South* (New York University Press, 2010). In spring 2011, Dr. Laura Rendón, Professor of Higher Education at the University of Texas-San Antonio and the author of *Sentipensante (Sensing/Thinking) Pedagogy: Educating for Wholeness, Social Justice and Liberation* (Stylus, 2008), delivered the inaugural lecture.

### Ethnic Studies Association (ESA)

An active student organization for Ethnic Studies majors and minors, ESA provides opportunities for student leadership and co-curricular activities. The association also partners with other student organizations at Edgewood and enables civic engagement in the greater community.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:

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## STUDENT TESTIMONIALS

"I've decided to major in Ethnic Studies not only because I championed the major but also because it will prepare me to work in a society that requires the ability to respect ethnic differences and negotiate cultural boundaries. The major makes me better prepared and more marketable in the workplace."

Nicole Sandoval  
Ethnic Studies and  
International Relations Major

"Pursuing a degree in Ethnic Studies will help me understand the histories and struggles of the peoples of color in this country as well as the dynamics of privilege and oppression. These understandings are necessary to advocate for a just and compassionate world without racism."

Katharine Clements  
Ethnic Studies and  
Nursing Major