

Undergraduate Certificate in Race and Ethnicity in the U.S.

Why is a Certificate in Race and Ethnicity in the U.S. important for you?

Events in recent years have highlighted the importance of multiculturalism and diversity across all institutions of US society. Race has long been a central marker of difference in the United States. Though its rules have changed over time, and many of the worst applications of racial and ethnic discrimination have been undone, these categories nonetheless remain vital descriptors of life outcomes, wealth, education, and health in the US, and reveal continuing patterns of inequality. At the same time, racial and ethnic pluralism is one of the aspects of US society most responsible for the vitality of its culture - history, music, literature, language, art, dance, and foodways. As members of this society, an ability to navigate a multicultural and multiracial landscape is essential. In the world of work, a demonstrated level of competence in the understanding of race and ethnicity will enhance your capacity to seek employment, do research, and participate in an increasingly diverse local, regional, national and transnational world. A national survey of business and nonprofit leaders reported that “more than 9 in 10 of those surveyed say it is important that those they hire demonstrate among other characteristics, “intercultural skills” (Association of American Colleges and Universities (<http://www.aacu.org/leap/presidentstrust/compact/2013SurveySummary/>)). This certificate will provide an opportunity to deepen your exploration of the multiplicity of cultures that come with a multi racial and multi ethnic society, and to learn from the courageous struggles against injustice fought by those who were brought to, live in, or have come to this land.

Code	Title	Hours
Core Courses		
AMS 110 or AMS 112	American Identities American Identities, Honors	3
AMS 100 or AMS 101	Introduction to American Studies Introduction to American Studies, Honors	3
Depth of Knowledge		6
Choose two of the following:		
AMS 320	Grounding U.S. Latinx Histories: Human Mobility and Migration	
AMS 325	Spanish for Heritage Learners	
AMS 340	Black Leadership	
AMS 344	Case Study in American Studies: _____	
AMS 365	Taking the Red Pill: Men and Masculinities Today	
AMS 436	Ethnicity in the United States: _____	
AMS 437	Global Ethnic and Racial Relations	
AMS 496	Social Justice Perspectives and Experiences	
AMS 518	Capitalism and the Black Experience	
AAAS 306	The Black Experience in the U.S. Since Emancipation	
AAAS 310	Introduction to Black Education in the US	
AAAS 314	The Black Church in America	
AAAS 322	Legal Issues and the African American	

AAAS 325	Popular Black Music
AAAS 326	Social Media & African Popular Culture
AAAS 327	African American Culture
AAAS 388	The Black Woman
AAAS 420	Intercultural Communication: The Afro-American
AAAS 442	The Politics of Racial Injustice in the United States
AAAS 450	Popular Culture in the Muslim World
AAAS 543	Language and Culture in Arabic-Speaking Communities
AAAS 555	African Film
AAAS 574	Slavery in the New World
AAAS 583	Migration, Diasporas and Development
ENGL 337	Introduction to U.S. Latino/a Literature
ANTH 562	Mexamerica
Total Hours	12

At the completion of this program, students will be able to:

- Understand the basic contours of the role race has played in shaping access to power in the history of the United States.
- Explain the fundamentally social and historical nature of race and provide at least one example of how racial categorization has changed over time.
- Describe an intersectional approach to the study of race and ethnicity, for example involving gender or citizenship.
- Develop fluency in the richness of cultural and racial diversity in the United States historically and today, including by being able to describe essential contributions made by at least one immigrant group to the United States.