

# Comparative Ethnic Studies Certificate

## About Us

Through coursework, independent study, internships, and/or service learning, students in Comparative Ethnic Studies analyze the social processes by which concepts such as race, ethnicity, class, gender, and sexuality are given meaning. The program examines global and local processes of immigration and settlement and considers ways in which policy and law, grassroots social movements, and popular cultures shape social identities.

The certificate program is open to all students seeking a bachelor's degree from UWM with any major, to students who previously received a bachelor's degree from UWM or any other accredited college or university, and to those who do not plan to pursue a degree but who have a strong interest in this subject.

## Why Choose Comparative Ethnic Studies?

The purpose of the certificate is to enable a student interested in an aspect of comparative ethnic studies to take a coordinated set of courses while completing the requirements for a degree in a conventional discipline or field of knowledge. Completion of the certificate signals the student's engagement in important contemporary questions of diversity and justice.

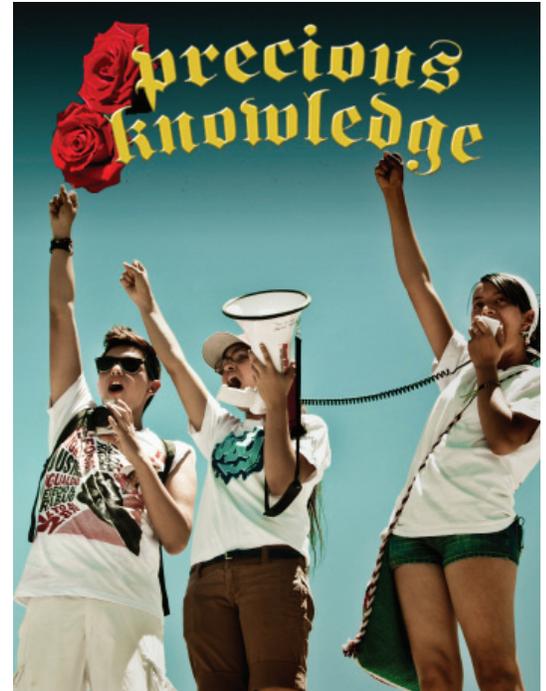
Contemporary life demands an awareness and understanding of diversity in both personal and professional interactions.

## Student Testimonial

"I got interested in ethnic studies because I plan to be an ESL teacher, and I thought the certificate would go well with my focus. I like the classes because I am learning things I would not otherwise learn. The focus is broader than classes that talk about European people."

*Linda Chance, Ethnic Studies Certificate Graduate, 2008*

*Certificate programs are similar to minors. They are comprised of 15 to 26 credits in a specialized subject matter, and include coursework from different departments. Certificates can be combined with a degree program, or they are available as stand-alone options for individuals who already hold a bachelor's degree from any accredited college or university. Many certificates also will enroll individuals with a strong interest in the topic area but who do not have a degree.*



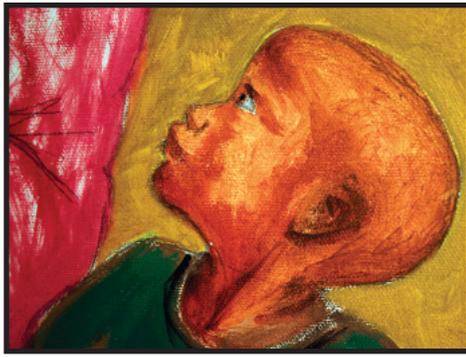
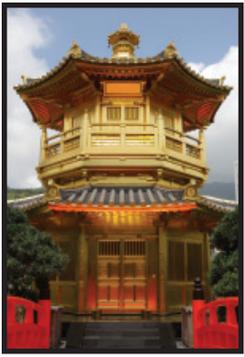
## Certificate Requirements

To receive the certificate, students must successfully complete a minimum of 21 credits. Students enrolled in a degree program should contact the certificate program director no later than the start of junior year to declare their intent to complete the certificate.

Each student takes:

- Ethnic 101 – The Making of American Cultures: Africans, Europeans, and Indian Nations (3 credits)
- Ethnic 102 – Transnational Migrations: Asian-, Arab-, Euro-American and Latino Identity (3 credits)
- Ethnic 550 – Senior Seminar in Comparative Ethnic Studies (3 credits)

The remaining 12 credits are chosen from a list of approved electives. A minimum of nine credits of the 21 must be earned in courses numbered 300 or above. Students must maintain a minimum GPA of 2.75.



## Courses

In addition to courses specifically listed under Ethnic Studies, there are over 75 courses on the list of approved electives from which students may choose. Below is a sampling of our Ethnic Studies classes:

*Ethnic 101 The Making of American Cultures: Africans, Europeans, and Indian Nations. (Subtitled). 3 cr.* Origins and development of racial and ethnic identities in the Americas; specific attention to Wisconsin history; African-American, American Indian, Latino, Euro-American identities; relationships among them.

*Ethnic 102 Transnational Migrations: Asian, Arab, Euro-American and Latino Identity. 3 cr.* Modern and contemporary social and cultural processes of migration and identity; role of law as 'gatekeeping'; history of nativism, interethnic relations, and community formation.

*Ethnic 255 Migration and Gender: Starbucks, Sex Trafficking, and Nannies. 3 cr.* Changing roles of women in the global marketplace; effects of migration on gender and family life.

*Ethnic 265 Hmong Americans: History, Culture, and Contemporary Life. 3 cr.* Hmong American history, the effects of the Vietnam War on Hmong culture, and the history of the resulting refugee immigrants in America.

*Ethnic 275 Queer Migrations. 3 cr.* How gender, race, and sexuality shape the migration processes; how concerns about sexuality shape U.S. immigration and citizenship policy; how mass migrations transform diverse queer communities.

*Ethnic 289 Internship in Ethnic Studies, Lower Division. 1-6 cr.* Application of basic principles of ethnic studies in a business, organizational, educational, political, or other appropriate setting. One cr earned for academic work based on 40 hours in internship. Retakable to 6 cr max.

*Ethnic 350 Advanced Topics in Comparative Ethnic Studies: (Subtitled). 3 cr.* Various advanced topics in the field of comparative ethnic studies. Retakable with change in topic to 9 credit max.

*Ethnic 355 Muslims and American Popular Culture. 3 cr.* History of Muslims in American pop culture; sub-cultures of various Muslim ethnic groups from the perspective of film, literature, and music. |

*Ethnic 375 Global Violence, Disease, and Death. 3 cr.* Development schemas, health policies, and the role of international organizations in global incidents of suffering, violence, and death.

*Ethnic 550 Senior Seminar in Comparative Ethnic Studies: (Subtitled). 3 cr.* Focus on specific aspects (social, cultural) of ethnic and racial identity, based on readings and presentation of original student research. Topic varies; not retakable for cr. May be repeated for higher grade. Satisfies L&S Seminar requirement.



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