

ETHNIC STUDIES, COMPARATIVE (ETHNIC)

Ethnic Studies, Comparative Courses

ETHNIC 101 The Multi-Racial Origins of American Cultures

3 cr. Undergraduate.

Origins and development of racial and ethnic identities in the Americas, with specific attention to Wisconsin history and contemporary issues.

Prerequisites: none.

Course Rules: 2 hrs lec, 1 section. Not retakable for credit; may be repeated for higher grade.

General Education Requirements: Civics and Perspectives

Last Taught: Fall 2025, Fall 2024, Spring 2024, Fall 2023.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

ETHNIC 102 Transnational Migrations: People on the Move

3 cr. Undergraduate.

Modern and contemporary social and cultural processes of migration and identity; role of law as 'gatekeeping'; history of nativism, interethnic relations, and community formation. Experiences of migrants, refugees & asylum-seekers.

Prerequisites: none.

General Education Requirements: Civics and Perspectives

Last Taught: Spring 2025, Spring 2024, Spring 2023, Spring 2022.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

ETHNIC 192 First-Year Seminar:

3 cr. Undergraduate.

The specific topics are announced in the Schedule of Classes each time the class is offered.

Prerequisites: none.

Course Rules: Open only to freshmen. Students may earn credit in just one L&S First-Year Sem (course numbers 192, 193, 194).

Last Taught: Fall 2025, Fall 2024, Fall 2023, Fall 2022.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

ETHNIC 193 First-Year Seminar:

3 cr. Undergraduate.

The specific topics are announced in the Schedule of Classes each time the class is offered.

Prerequisites: none.

Course Rules: Open only to freshmen. Students may earn credit in just one L&S First-Year Seminar (course numbers 192, 193, 194).

Last Taught: Fall 2025, Fall 2024, Fall 2023, Fall 2021.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

ETHNIC 199 Independent Study: Lower Division

1-3 cr. Undergraduate.

For further information, consult Ethnic Studies coordinator.

Prerequisites: 2.25 GPA on at least 12 graded credits and consent of instructor and program coordinator.

Course Rules: Retakable with change in topic to 9 cr max.

Last Taught: Fall 2025, Spring 2016, Summer 2009, Spring 2007.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

ETHNIC 200 Racial Minorities in the United States

3 cr. Undergraduate.

A survey of the historical and the contemporary experiences of American Indians, Asians, African-Americans, and Hispanics in the United States.

Prerequisites: none.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

ETHNIC 245 Indians, Artists, and Conquistadores: The U.S. Southwest

3 cr. Undergraduate.

Interaction of diverse Indian, European, and Latino cultures in the U.S. southwest.

Prerequisites: none.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

ETHNIC 250 Selected Topics in Ethnic Studies:

3 cr. Undergraduate.

This course will focus on one individual ethnic group, or one particular aspect of an ethnic group.

Prerequisites: none.

Course Rules: Retakable w/chg in topic to 9 cr max.

Last Taught: Spring 2015, Spring 2014, Fall 2011, Fall 2010.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

ETHNIC 255 Migration and Gender: Starbucks, Sex Trafficking, and Nannies

3 cr. Undergraduate.

Changing roles of women in the global marketplace; effects of migration on gender and family life.

Prerequisites: none.

Course Rules: Counts as a repeat of ETHNIC 250 with similar title.

General Education Requirements: Civics and Perspectives

Last Taught: Fall 2025, Spring 2025, Fall 2024, Spring 2024.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

ETHNIC 265 Hmong Americans: History, Culture, and Contemporary Life

3 cr. Undergraduate.

Hmong American history, the effects of the Vietnam War on Hmong culture, and the history of the resulting refugee immigrants in America.

Prerequisites: none.

Course Rules: ETHNIC 265 and HMONG 265 are jointly offered; they count as repeats of one another.

General Education Requirements: Civics and Perspectives

Last Taught: Fall 2025, Spring 2025, Fall 2024, Spring 2024.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

ETHNIC 275 Queer Migrations

3 cr. Undergraduate.

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.

Prerequisites: none.

Course Rules: ETHNIC 275 and LGBT 275 are jointly offered and count as repeats of one another. No credit for students with credit in ETHNIC 250 with similar topic.

General Education Requirements: Civics and Perspectives

Last Taught: Fall 2025, Spring 2025, Fall 2024, Spring 2024.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

ETHNIC 285 Cultures of Contemporary Russia

3 cr. Undergraduate.

Ethnic conflict and struggles over language, territory, culture, and politics after the dissolution of the Soviet Union.

Prerequisites: none.

Course Rules: Counts as a repeat of ETHNIC 250 with similar title.

Last Taught: Spring 2012, Spring 2010.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

ETHNIC 289 Internship in Ethnic Studies, Lower Division

1-6 cr. Undergraduate.

Application of basic principles of ethnic studies in a business, organizational, educational, political, or other appropriate setting.

Prerequisites: introductory course in ethnic studies; 2.25 GPA and consent of supervising faculty member.

Course Rules: One cr earned for academic work based on 40 hours in internship. Retakable to 6 cr max.

Last Taught: Fall 2022.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

ETHNIC 297 Study Abroad:

1-12 cr. Undergraduate.

Designed to enroll students in UWM sponsored program before course work level, content, and credits are determined and/or in specially prepared program course work.

Prerequisites: acceptance for Study Abroad Program.

Course Rules: Retakable with change in topic.

Last Taught: UWinteriM 2013, UWinteriM 2011, Summer 2005, UWinteriM 2005.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

ETHNIC 299 Ad Hoc:

1-6 cr. Undergraduate.

Course created expressly for offering in a specified enrollment period. Requires only department and associate dean approval. In exceptional circumstances, can be offered in one additional semester.

Prerequisites: none; additional prerequisites may be assigned to specific topic.

Course Rules: Retakable with change in topic.

Last Taught: Summer 1997, Summer 1990, Spring 1986.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

ETHNIC 325 Gender, Race, and Ethnicity in Milwaukee:

3 cr. Undergraduate.

Influxes into the U.S. of migrants from Europe, Latin America, and elsewhere; evolution of conflict and division; particular attention to Civil Rights and deindustrialization.

Prerequisites: junior standing.

Course Rules: Retakable with change in topic to 9 cr max.

Last Taught: Fall 2025, Spring 2025, Fall 2024, Spring 2024.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

ETHNIC 350 Advanced Topics in Comparative Ethnic Studies:

3 cr. Undergraduate.

Various advanced topics in the field of comparative ethnic studies.

Prerequisites: ETHNIC 101(P), ETHNIC 102(P), or ETHNIC 250(P), or consent of instructor.

Course Rules: Retakable with change in topic to 9 cr max.

Last Taught: Spring 2011, Fall 2010, Spring 2010, Fall 2009.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

ETHNIC 355 Muslims and American Popular Culture

3 cr. Undergraduate.

History of Muslims in American pop culture; sub-cultures of various Muslim ethnic groups from the perspective of film, literature, and music.

Prerequisites: junior standing or ETHNIC 101(P) or ETHNIC 102(P).

Last Taught: Fall 2009.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

ETHNIC 360 Villainy, Sex, & Blood: Race, Gender & Ethnicity in Pop Culture

3 cr. Undergraduate.

Exploration of the ways in which popular culture creates, maintains, and challenges notions of race, gender, and ethnicity throughout the American historical experience.

Prerequisites: junior standing.

Course Rules: Counts as a repeat of ETHNIC 250 with similar topic.

Last Taught: Spring 2024, Spring 2023, Spring 2022, Spring 2021.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

ETHNIC 375 Global Violence, Disease, and Death

3 cr. Undergraduate.

Development schemas, health policies, and the role of international organizations in global incidents of suffering, violence, and death.

Prerequisites: junior standing, ETHNIC 101(P), or ETHNIC 102(P).

Last Taught: Spring 2024, Fall 2023, Spring 2019, Spring 2018.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

ETHNIC 489 Internship in Ethnic Studies, Upper Division

1-6 cr. Undergraduate.

Application of advanced principles of ethnic studies in a business, organizational, educational, political, or other appropriate setting.

Prerequisites: junior standing; 300-level or above course in ethnic studies; 2.25 GPA and consent of supervising faculty member.

Course Rules: One cr earned for academic work based on 40 hours in internship. Retakable to 6 cr max.

Last Taught: Spring 2021, Fall 2020, Spring 2019, Fall 2017.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

ETHNIC 497 Study Abroad:

1-12 cr. Undergraduate.

Designed to enroll students in UWM sponsored program before course work level, content, and credits are determined and/or in specially prepared program course work.

Prerequisites: junior standing and acceptance for Study Abroad Program.

Course Rules: Retakable with change in topic.

Last Taught: UWinteriM 2014, UWinteriM 2013, UWinteriM 2011, Summer 2005.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

ETHNIC 499 Ad Hoc:

1-6 cr. Undergraduate.

Course created expressly for offering in a specified enrollment period. Requires only department and associate dean approval. In exceptional circumstances, can be offered in one additional semester.

Prerequisites: junior standing; additional prerequisites may be assigned to specific topic.

Course Rules: Retakable with change in topic.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

ETHNIC 550 Senior Seminar in Comparative Ethnic Studies:

3 cr. Undergraduate.

Focus on specific aspects (social, cultural) of ethnic and racial identity, based on readings and presentation of original student research.

Prerequisites: senior standing or consent of instructor.

Course Rules: Topic varies; not retakable for cr. May be repeated for higher grade. Satisfies L&S Seminar req.

Last Taught: Spring 2021, Spring 2008, Spring 2006, Summer 1997.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

ETHNIC 699 Advanced Independent Work

1-3 cr. Undergraduate.

See Independent Study. For further information consult Ethnic Studies coordinator.

Prerequisites: junior standing, 2.5 GPA, and consent of instructor, program coordinator, and assistant dean for student academic services.

Course Rules: Retakable with change in topic to 9 cr max.

Last Taught: Fall 2012, Summer 2011, Spring 2011, Spring 2010.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>