

COMMITTEE INTERDISCIPLINARY MAJOR, BA: COMPARATIVE ETHNIC STUDIES

Comparative Ethnic Studies is an interdisciplinary field that examines issues of social identity and power, in contemporary and historical contexts. The field centers on questions of race, gender, and sexuality. Students are free to select from a range of courses in the Ethnic Studies program, and to include coursework they do from around the university their academic programs.

Unique to UWM, our program offers courses covering the Hmong diaspora. Wisconsin is home to the third largest Hmong American population in the US, making UWM a great place to learn about this population.

The Committee Interdisciplinary Major with a focus in Comparative Ethnic Studies is also one of a handful of majors that requires an internship prior to graduation, thereby ensuring that students leave college with hands-on experience from the local community. The program is administered by the College of Letters and Science interdepartmental Comparative Ethnic Studies Advisory Committee.

A certificate in Comparative Ethnic Studies is also available for students seeking something closer to a minor.

Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
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	General Electives	10-29
Total Credits		120

Course of Study – Bachelor of Arts Degree

Complete 120 credits including 75 credits in the College of Letters & Science and with 36 of the 75 credits in L&S upper-level (numbered above 300) courses.

The College requires that students must complete in residence at UWM at least 15 credits in upper-division (numbered 300 or above) courses in their major. The College also requires that students complete at least 30 credits overall in residence at UWM. For additional residency and transfer credit limitations, see L&S Undergraduate Policies and Regulations (<https://catalog.uwm.edu/letters-science/#policiesandregulationstext>).

Students are also required to complete University-wide General Education Requirements (<https://catalog.uwm.edu/policies/undergraduate-policies/#bachelorsdegreegeneraleducation>) and the specific L&S requirements listed below.

To complete a major, students must satisfy all the requirements of the major as stated in this catalog. Students who declare their majors within five years of entering the UW System as a degree candidate may satisfy the requirements outlined in any catalog issued since the time they

entered. Credits used to satisfy the major also may be used to satisfy other degree requirements.

University General Education Requirements (GER)

Code	Title	Credits
Oral and Written Communication		

Part A

Achieve a grade of C or better in the following course:

ENGLISH 102	College Writing and Research (or equivalent)
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Part B

Course designated as OWC-B; may be completed through a major-specific course requirement

Quantitative Literacy

Part A

Earn at least 3 credits with a grade of C or higher in one of the following courses or an equivalent course, or achieve a placement code of at least 30 on the mathematics placement test (or other appropriate test, as determined by the Mathematical Sciences Department)

MATH 102	Mathematical Literacy for College Students II
MATH 103	Contemporary Applications of Mathematics
MATH 105	Introduction to College Algebra
MATH 108	Algebraic Literacy II
MATH 111	Introduction to Logic - Critical Reasoning ¹
or PHILOS 111	Introduction to Logic - Critical Reasoning
MATH 116	College Algebra
Or equivalent course	

Part B

Course designated as QL-B; may be completed through a major-specific course requirement

Arts

Select 3 credits	3
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Humanities

Select 6 credits	6
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Social Sciences

Select 6 credits	6
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Natural Sciences

Select 6 credits (at least two courses including one lab)	6
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UWM Foreign Language Requirement

Complete Foreign Language Requirement through:

Two years (high school) of a single foreign language

Two semesters (college) of a single foreign language

Or equivalent

UWM Cultural Diversity Requirement

One course from the Arts, Humanities, or Social Sciences must also satisfy UWM's Cultural Diversity requirement

¹ Math 111 and Philosophy 111 are jointly offered and count as repeats of one another. Students cannot receive credit for both courses.

College of Letters & Science Requirements

The degree requirements in the College of Letters and Science build on the University General Education Requirements to provide a broad base of knowledge as well as an array of skills cited by employers as critical to professional success: critical thinking, problem solving, oral and written communication, ability to work well with others, and adaptability to change.

For the Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), you must complete the UWM General Education Requirements as well as these L&S requirements: the International requirement, the Breadth requirement, and the Research requirement. The International requirement develops your potential for cross-cultural understanding in a globalizing world. The Breadth requirement ensures that you take classes in a wide variety of subjects, across humanities, natural sciences, and social sciences. The Research requirement calls for you to build your critical thinking and oral and written communication skills through conducting an independent research project, usually in your major.

For the Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) you will also complete the Language other than English requirement, to further develop your understanding of cultures through language.

I. Total Credits and Upper-Division Courses Requirement

Students must complete 120 credits including 75 credits in the College of Letters & Science and with 36 of the 75 credits in L&S upper-level (numbered above 300) courses.

II. Language other than English Requirement

Students doing the BA must fulfill the language other than English requirement by either successfully completing the fourth semester of university work or equivalent in one language other than English, or by successfully completing the second semester of university work or equivalent in two languages other than English (including all world languages and American Sign Language).

Language courses (including American Sign Language) other than English taken in high school may be used to satisfy all or part of this requirement. One year of high school language equates to one semester of college work. Proficiency tests approved by the Languages faculty may be used to satisfy all or part of this requirement.

Completion of the L&S Language Requirement also satisfies the university-wide Language other than English GER, but not vice versa.

III. International Requirement

To meet the International Requirement, students must successfully complete some three course (minimum 9 credits) combination of

1. language other than English (*not* including American Sign Language) at 3rd semester level or above, *and/or*
2. non-language courses with L&S approved international content (see Courses Approved for the L&S International Requirement (<https://catalog.uwm.edu/letters-science/approved-courses-international-requirement/>) for course options).

IV. Breadth Requirement

In addition to completing the University General Education Requirements, L&S students must complete the Breadth requirement.

The L&S Breadth requirement calls for 6 credits each in L&S courses designated L&S Humanities, L&S Natural Sciences, and L&S Social Sciences breadth. One of the L&S Natural Science breadth courses must be a laboratory or fieldwork course. These courses must be beyond and

in addition to courses in those areas used to satisfy General Education Requirements.

Please refer to the list of Courses Approved for the L&S Breadth Requirement (<https://catalog.uwm.edu/letters-science/breadth-requirement-course-list/>).

V. The Major

The College of Letters and Science requires that students attain at least a 2.0 GPA in all credits in the major attempted at UWM. In addition, students must attain a 2.0 GPA on all major credits attempted, including any transfer work. Individual departments or programs may require higher GPAs for graduation. Some departmental majors require courses from other departments. Contact your major department for information on whether those credits will count as part of the major GPA. The College requires that students must complete in residence at UWM at least 15 credits in upper-division (numbered 300 or above) courses in their major.

Research Requirement

Within their majors, students must complete a research experience approved by the L&S faculty. A list of courses satisfying the research requirement in each major can be found here (<https://catalog.uwm.edu/letters-science/approved-courses-research-requirement/>).

VI. The Minor

Students are encouraged to consider completing a minor, but it is not required. To complete a minor, the College of Letters and Science requires that students attain at least a 2.0 GPA in all credits in the minor attempted at UWM. In addition, students must attain a 2.0 GPA on all minor credits attempted, including any transfer work. The minor must contain at least 9 credits in upper-division (numbered 300 and above) courses.

Major Requirements

The Committee Interdisciplinary Major submajor in Comparative Ethnic Studies requires completion of at least 33 credits in approved Comparative Ethnic Studies and Comparative Ethnic-related courses. Students may count towards the major a maximum of 9 credits in a single curricular area outside of Comparative Ethnic Studies. A minimum of 18 credits must be completed in L&S courses, and at least 15 credits must be at the upper-division level (courses numbered 300 and above) taken in residence at UWM. Completion of the College's research experience in the major is required. ETHNIC 550 or another suitable course approved by the coordinator satisfies this requirement. Students must attain at least a 2.0 GPA on all major credits attempted at UWM. In addition, the College requires that students earn a 2.0 GPA on all credits in the major, including transfer work.

The following are required:

Code	Title	Credits
Survey		
ETHNIC 101	The Multi-Racial Origins of American Cultures	3
ETHNIC 102	Transnational Migrations: People on the Move	3
Comparative Methods		
Select at least 3 credits from the following: ¹		3
ETHNIC 275	Queer Migrations	
ETHNIC 350	Advanced Topics in Comparative Ethnic Studies: (subtitle)	

*** 150	Multicultural America ²	
Track Electives		
Select option A or B below		18
Internship		
ETHNIC 489	Internship in Ethnic Studies, Upper Division	3
or HMONG 489	Internship in Hmong Studies, Upper Division	
Capstone		
ETHNIC 550	Senior Seminar in Comparative Ethnic Studies:	3
Total Credits		33

¹ Students may count a maximum of three courses from this group toward the major requirements.

² Offered in the following curricular areas: Anthropology, Art, English, Film, History, Sociology, Urban Studies, Women's and Gender Studies.

Track Electives

A. Hmong Studies

Code	Title	Credits
ETHNIC/HMONG 265	Hmong Americans: History, Culture, and Contemporary Life	3
ETHNIC 250	Selected Topics in Ethnic Studies:	3
HIST 287	The Vietnam War	3
Select nine additional credits in consultation with the Program Coordinator		9
Total Credits		18

B. Student-Created Focus

Students complete 18 credits selected in consultation with the coordinator from the list of approved courses.

Approved Electives

Code	Title	Credits
ANTHRO 203	Indigenous Religions	3
AFRIC 100	Black Reality: Survey of African-American Society	3
AFRIC 102	Survey of African-American Literature	3
AFRIC 111	Introduction to African-American History to 1865	3
AFRIC 112	Introduction to African-American History, 1865 to the Present	3
AFRIC 125	Economics of the Black Community	3
AFRIC 163	Black Racial and Cultural Identity	3
AFRIC 205	The Poetry of African, African-American, and Caribbean Writers	3
AFRIC 210	The African-American Novel	3
AFRIC 215	Introduction to Black Social and Cultural Traditions	3
AFRIC 235	African Americans and South Africa	3
AFRIC 250	Black Women and White Women in the Contemporary United States	3
AFRIC 261	Survey of African-American Political Philosophy	3
AFRIC 300	Urban Violence	3

AFRIC 314	The School in African-American Life	3
AFRIC 319	African American Urban History	3
AFRIC 320	Black Cultures in Latin America and the Caribbean	3
AFRIC 322	Order and Disorder: The Quest for Social Justice	3
AFRIC 334	Survey of Black American and Black Brazilian Societies	3
AFRIC 341	Black Politics and City Government	3
AFRIC 344	Global Black Social Movements	3
AFRIC 350	The Black Family	3
AFRIC 351	Sexuality, Gender, and Health in Africa and the Diaspora	3
AFRIC 369	Black Popular Culture and Digital Media	3
AFRIC 372	African-American Literary Movements: The Harlem Renaissance	3
AFRIC 411	Change in African-American Communities	3
AFRIC 412	Blacks and the United States Constitution	3
AFRIC 414	The Black Woman in America, Africa, and the Caribbean	3
AFRIC 416	Race and Social Justice in the United States	3
AFRIC 417	Race, Class and Gender in Southern Africa	3
AFRIC 418	Race, Class, and Gender in Latin America and the Caribbean	3
AFRIC 420	The Political Economy of Slavery	3
AFRIC 450	Cultural Transmissions: Black Africa and Black America	3
AFRIC 451	Rites of Passage in Black Societies	3
ANTHRO 213	American Indian Peoples of Wisconsin	3
ANTHRO 225	The Aztec Empire	3
ANTHRO 310	Archaeology of Middle America	3
ANTHRO 311	The World of the Ancient Maya	3
ANTHRO 314	American Indian Societies and Cultures	3
ANTHRO 320	Peoples and Cultures of Africa	3
ANTHRO 322	Europe in Anthropological Perspective	3
ANTHRO 325	Japanese Culture and Society	3
ANTHRO 326	Peoples and Cultures of South Asia	3
ANTHRO 328	Comparative Studies of Music, Race, and Gender in Nationalism	3
ANTHRO 335	American Indians of the Southeast	3
ANTHRO 355	Globalization, Culture, and Environment	3
ANTHRO 441	Nature, Knowledge, and Technoscience in Anthropological Perspective	3
ANTHRO 442	Humanitarianism in Global Perspective	3
ANTHRO 447	The Global Politics of Human Rights	3
COMPLIT 365	Literatures and Cultures of the Americas:	3
ENGLISH 209	Language in the United States	3
ENGLISH 210	Global Englishes	3
ENGLISH 276	Introduction to American Indian Literature:	3

ENGLISH 277	Introduction to Ethnic Minority Literature:	3	HIST 363	Germany: Hitler and the Nazi Dictatorship	3
ENGLISH 278	Introduction to World Literatures Written in English:	3	HIST 364	The Holocaust: Anti-Semitism & the Fate of Jewish People in Europe, 1933-45	3
ENGLISH 279	Introduction to U.S. Latino/a Literature:	3	HIST 379	Introduction to Jewish History	3
ENGLISH 280	Introduction to Asian-American Literature:	3	HIST 380	Buddhism: A Cultural History	3
ENGLISH 281	Introduction to African-American Literature:	3	HIST 386	Africans in World History: Communities, Cultures, and Ideas	3
ENGLISH 285	Modern Irish Language and Literature in Translation	3	HIST 387	Modern Africa	3
ENGLISH 332	LGBTQ+ Literature:	3	HIST 392	The History of Southern Africa	3
ENGLISH 372	Survey of American Indian Literature	3	HIST 393	History of Mexico	3
ENGLISH 373	Survey of Ethnic Minority Literature	3	HIST 394	History of Japan to 1600	3
ENGLISH 374	Survey of U.S. Latino/a Literature	3	HIST 395	History of Japan Since 1600	3
ENGLISH 375	Survey of Asian American Literature	3	HIST 435	Ethnic America: To 1880	3
ENGLISH 376	Survey of African-American Literature to 1930	3	HIST 436	Immigrant America Since 1880	3
ENGLISH 377	Survey of African-American Literature, 1930 to the Present	3	HIST 445	African Americans from Slavery to Freedom	3
ENGLISH 463	Writers in African-American Literature:	3	HIST 446	African Americans Since the Civil War	3
ENGLISH 517	Studies in African-American Literature:	3	HIST 460	The History of Poverty in America	3
ENGLISH 518	Studies in Irish Literature:	3	HIST 463	History of the American City	3
ENGLISH 520	Studies in American Indian Literature:	3	HIST 468	The American Feminist Movement	3
ENGLISH 522	Studies in World Literature Written in English:	3	HIST 473	History of Wisconsin Indians	3
ENGLISH 523	Studies in U.S. Latino/a Literature:	3	HIST 474	Topics in North American Indian History:	3
ENGLISH 524	Studies in Asian-American Literature:	3	JAMS 111	Gender and the Media	3
ENGLISH 631	Seminar in African-American Literature:	3	LINGUIS 430	Language and Society	3
ENGLISH 632	Seminar in American Indian Literature:	3	LINGUIS 432	Urban Dialects	3
GEOG 114	Geography of Race in the United States	3	POL SCI 215	Ethnicity, Religion and Race in American Politics	3
GEOG 309	Nationalities and Nations of the World	3	PSYCH 578	Psychology of Race, Ethnicity, and Health	3
GEOG 410	Gendered Geographies	3	SOCIO 233	Social Inequality in the United States	3
HIST 175	East Asian Civilization to 1600	3	SOCIO 235	Social Change in the Global Economy	3
HIST 176	East Asian Civilization Since 1600	3	SOCIO 323	Perspectives on Latino Communities	3
HIST 180	Latin American Society and Culture	3	SOCIO 324	Race and Ethnicity in Global Contexts	3
HIST 210	The Twentieth Century: A Global History	3			
HIST 215	History of Capitalism	3			
HIST 229	History of Race, Science, and Medicine in the United States	3			
HIST 243	History of Women in American Society	3			
HIST 262	North American Indian History to 1887	3			
HIST 263	North American Indian History Since 1887	3			
HIST 267	The History of Latinos in the United States	3			
HIST 268	History of the American West	3			
HIST 269	Asian Americans in Historical Perspective	3			
HIST 271	The 1960s in the United States: A Cultural History	3			
HIST 287	The Vietnam War	3			
HIST 358	The Jews of Modern Europe: History and Culture	3			

Committee Interdisciplinary Major: Comparative Ethnic Studies Learning Outcomes

Students graduating from the Comparative Ethnic Studies BA and certificate programs will be able to:

- **Synthesize** and **apply** interdisciplinary explanations for historical and contemporary conflicts based in race, ethnicity, gender, and sexuality.
- **Identify** and **assess** different theoretical frameworks for explaining social change and relationships between actors, institutions, and ideas of identity.
- **Interpret** the complexities of social identity for public policy as well as cultural formations.

Letters & Science Advising

During your time at UWM, you may have multiple members of your success team, including advisors, peer mentors and success coaches.

Letters & Science students typically work with at least two different types of advisors as they pursue their degrees: professional college advisors and faculty advisors. L&S college advisors advise across your entire degree program while departmental faculty advisors focus on the major.

College advisors are located in Holton Hall (or virtually for online students) and serve as your primary advisor. They are your point person for your questions about navigating college and completing your degree. College advisors will:

- Assist you in defining your academic and life goals.
- Help you create an educational plan that is consistent with those goals.
- Assist you in understanding curriculum, major and degree requirements for graduation, as well as university policies and procedures.
- Provide you with information about campus and community resources and refer you to those resources as appropriate.
- Monitor your progress toward graduation and completion of requirements.

Faculty advisors mentor students in the major and assist them in maximizing their development in the program. You will begin working with a faculty advisor when you declare your major. Faculty advisors are an important partner and will:

- Help you understand major requirements and course offerings in the department.
- Explain opportunities for internships and undergraduate research and guide you in obtaining those experiences.
- Serve as an excellent resource as you consider potential graduate programs and career paths in your field.

Students are encouraged to meet with both their college advisor and faculty advisor at least once each semester. Appointments are available in-person, by phone or by video.

Currently enrolled students should use the Navigate360 website (<https://uwm.navigate.eab.com/>) to make an appointment with your assigned advisor or call (414) 229-4654 if you do not currently have an assigned Letters & Science advisor. Prospective students who haven't enrolled in classes yet should call (414) 229-7711 or email let-sci@uwm.edu.

College of Letters and Science Dean's Honor List

GPA of 3.750 or above, earned on a full-time student's GPA on 12 or more graded credits in a given semester.

Honors College Degree and Honors College Degree with Distinction

Granted to graduating seniors who complete Honors College requirements, as listed in the Honors College (<https://catalog.uwm.edu/honors-college/>) section of this site.

Commencement Honors

Students with a cumulative GPA of 3.500 or above, based on a minimum of 40 graded UWM credits earned prior to the final semester, will receive all-university commencement honors and be awarded the traditional gold cord at the December or May Honors Convocation. Please note that for

honors calculation, the GPA is **not** rounded and is truncated at the third decimal (e.g., 3.499).

Final Honors

Earned on a minimum of 60 graded UWM credits: Cum Laude - 3.500 or above; Magna Cum Laude - 3.650 or above; Summa Cum Laude - 3.800 or above.