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California Ethnic Studies is aligned to the values and expected outcomes outlined in the California Ethnic Studies Model Curriculum. In one semester of five units, the course explores the history, culture, and experiences of different ethnic and racial groups. The course looks at the lives of Indigenous peoples, African Americans, Latin Americans, and Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in the United States. By studying the experiences of people in these groups, you will develop a deeper understanding of their contributions, struggles, and achievements.

In this course, you will explore the effects of historical as well as current laws and policies. Many laws and policies have focused on specific groups of people based on race or ethnicity. You will learn about the ways in which ethnic groups have shaped and contributed to American society. You will also explore the obstacles groups have faced while working to gain citizenship and equality. And through discussion, research, and projects, you will learn how the impacts of race, ethnicity, and identity lead people to have very different lives.

Length: One Semester

**Unit 1:**