In one semester of five units, Ethnic Studies 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: Identity

- Introducing Ethnic Studies
- Identity and Intersectionality
- Identity and Power
- Course Activity: Third World Liberation Front
- Identity Wrap-Up

Unit 2: Indigenous Studies

- Indigenous Identity
- History and Displacement
- Rights and Sovereignty
- Indigenous People as Team Mascots
- Course Activity: Sacred Lands
- Indigenous Studies Wrap-Up

Unit 3: African American Studies

- Black Identity and the African Diaspora
- Social and Civil Rights Movements
- African American Contributions to the United States
- Cultural Appropriation
- Course Activity: Black Women in Social Justice
- African American Studies Wrap-Up

Unit 4: Latin American Studies

- Latin American Identity
- Histories and Borders
- Rights and Citizenship
- Chicano Art

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- Course Activity: The East Los Angeles Walkouts
- Latin American Studies Wrap-Up

Unit 5: Asian American and Pacific Islander Studies

- Asian American and Pacific Islander Identity
- History of AAPI Peoples
- AAPI in the 21st Century
- Native Hawaiians and the United States
- Course Activity: AAPI Art, Literature,and Film
- Asian American and Pacific Islander Studies Wrap-Up

Unit 6: Semester Wrap-Up

- Semester Wrap-Up

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