ETHNICITY, RACE, AND MIGRATION

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The program in Ethnicity, Race, and Migration enables students to engage in an interdisciplinary, comparative study of forces that have created a multicultural, multiethnic, and multiracial world. The major emphasizes familiarity with the intellectual traditions and debates surrounding the concepts of indigeneity, ethnicity, nationality, and race; grounding in both the history of migration and its contemporary manifestations; and knowledge of and direct engagement with the cultures, structures, and peoples formed by these migrations.

REQUIREMENTS OF THE MAJOR

The major for the Class of 2020 and previous classes With DUS approval, the following changes to the requirements of the major may be fulfilled by students who declared their major under previous requirements.

The major for the Class of 2021 and subsequent classes Students must complete twelve term courses in Ethnicity, Race, and Migration, including the senior requirement. These twelve normally include ER&M 200, an introductory course on the issues and disciplines involved in the study of ethnicity, race, and migration. In the junior year, all majors are required to take ER&M 300, a seminar that introduces majors to scholarship in ethnic studies, postcolonial studies, and cultural studies.

Area of concentration In consultation with the DUS, each student defines an area of concentration consisting of six term courses, one of which must be a methods course; these concentration courses do not include the senior essay or project. Advanced work in the foreign language related to a student’s area of concentration is advised.

SENIOR REQUIREMENT

There are two options for the senior requirement. Majors may choose a year-long senior essay or project and take the senior colloquium (ER&M 491) on theoretical and methodological issues in the fall and then complete the requirement by writing a senior essay in the senior project seminar (ER&M 492) during the spring term. Alternatively, students may take an upper-level ER&M seminar and write a senior essay of thirty to thirty-five pages in addition to completing all course requirements. This seminar may be taken during either the fall or spring term.

ADVISING

Prospective majors should consult the director of undergraduate studies early in their academic careers to discuss an individual plan of study. Enrollment in the major requires permission of the director of undergraduate studies prior to the beginning of the fall term of the junior year.

As a multidisciplinary program, Ethnicity, Race, and Migration draws on the resources of other departments and programs in the University. Students are encouraged to examine the offerings of other departments in both the humanities and the social sciences, interdisciplinary programs of study housed in the MacMillan Center and elsewhere, and residential college seminars for additional relevant courses. The stated area of concentration of each student determines the relevance and acceptability of other courses. Students are also encouraged to engage in community-based learning opportunities.

STUDY ABROAD

Because of the major’s emphasis on international and transnational work, students are encouraged to undertake a term abroad. They should consult with the DUS to identify courses from study abroad programs that may count toward the major.

REQUIREMENTS OF THE MAJOR

Prerequisites None

Number of courses 12 term courses (incl senior req)

Specific courses required ER&M 200, 300

Distribution of courses 6 courses in area of concentration, 1 of which must be a methods course

Senior requirement Senior colloq (ER&M 491) and senior essay or project (ER&M 492); or senior essay in upper-level seminar

FACULTY ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROGRAM OF ETHNICITY, RACE, AND MIGRATION

Professors Ned Blackhawk (History/ American Studies), Hazel Carby (African American Studies/ American Studies), Michael Denning (American Studies/ English), Inderpal Grewal (American Studies/ Women’s, Gender, & Sexuality Studies), Matthew Jacobson (American Studies/ African American Studies/ History), Gilbert Joseph (History), Grace Kao (Sociology), Mary Lui (American Studies/ History), Stephen Pitti (History/ American Studies), Ana Ramos-Zavas (American Studies/ Ethnicity, Race, and Migration/ Women’s, Gender, & Sexuality Studies), Alicia Schmidt Camacho (Ethnicity, Race, and Migration/ American Studies),

Associate Professors Laura Barraclough (American Studies), Zareena Grewal (American Studies), Daniel Martínez HoSang ( American Studies/ Ethnicity, Race, and Migration), Daniel Magaziner (History)

Assistant Professors Albert Laguna (American Studies/ Ethnicity, Race, and Migration), Sunny Xiang (English)
Historical roots of contemporary ethnic and racial formations and competing theories of ethnicity, race, and migration. Cultural constructions and social practices of race, ethnicity, and migration in the United States and around the world. HU, SO

* ER&M 300a or b, Comparative Ethnic Studies  Staff
Introduction to the methods and practice of comparative ethnic studies. Examination of racial formation in the United States within a transnational framework. Legacies of colonialism, slavery, and racial exclusion; racial formation in schools, prisons, and citizenship law; cultural politics of music and performance; social movements; and postcolonial critique. SO

Electives within the Major

* AFAM 346a / HSAR 471a, Black Atlantic Photography  Kobena Mercer
Introduction to the social and artistic history of photography in Black Atlantic contexts from the mid-nineteenth century to the present. Uses of the photographic image in shaping understandings of race relations and black identities. Codes and conventions by which photographs are evaluated in terms of truth, reflection, testimony, expressivity, and construction. HU

* AFAM 410b / AMST 310b / WGSS 410b, Interdisciplinary Approaches to African American Studies  Anthony Reed
An interdisciplinary, thematic approach to the study of race, nation, and ethnicity in the African diaspora. Topics include class, gender, color, and sexuality; the dynamics of reform, Pan-Africanism, neocolonialism, and contemporary black nationalism. Use of a broad range of methodologies. WR, HU, SO

* AMST 405b / AFAM 406b / ENGL 405b, Autobiography in America  Robert Stepto
A study of autobiographical writings from Mary Rowlandson’s Indian captivity narrative (1682) to the present. Classic forms such as immigrant, education, and cause narratives; prevailing autobiographical strategies involving place, work, and photographs. Authors include Franklin, Douglass, Jacobs, Antin, Kingston, Uchida, Balakian, Rodriguez, and Bechdel. WR, HU

ANTH 244a, Japan: Culture, Society, Modernity  Sarah LeBaron von Baeyer
Introduction to Japanese society and culture. The historical development of Japanese society; family, work, and education in contemporary Japan; Japanese aesthetics; and psychological, sociological, and cultural interpretations of Japanese behavior. WR, SO

* ANTH 333b, Bilingualism in Social Context  J. Joseph Errington
The linguistic phenomenon of bilingualism presented through broad issues in social description inseparably linked to it: growth and change in bilingual communities; bilingual usage, social identity, and allegiance; and interactional significances of bilingual speech repertoire use. SO

* ANTH 386a / GLBL 393a, Humanitarian Interventions: Ethics, Politics, and Health  Catherine Panter-Brick
Analysis of humanitarian interventions from a variety of social science disciplinary perspectives. Issues related to policy, legal protection, health care, morality, and governance in relation to the moral imperative to save lives in conditions of extreme adversity. Promotion of dialogue between social scientists and humanitarian practitioners. WR, SO

ER&M 187a / AMST 133a / HIST 107a, Introduction to American Indian History  Ned Blackhawk
Survey of American Indian history, beginning with creation traditions and migration theories and continuing to the present day. Focus on American Indian nations whose homelands are located within the contemporary United States. Complexity and change within American Indian societies, with emphasis on creative adaptations to changing historical circumstances. HU

ER&M 206b / PLSC 437b / SOCY 223b, The Politics of Ethnic and National Identity  Maria Jose Hierro
Introduction to the study of ethnic and national identity, their determinants and consequences in comparative perspective. SO

ER&M 209b / LITR 270b / VIET 220b, Introduction to Vietnamese Culture, Values, and Literature  Quang Phu Van
Introduction to Vietnamese culture and values. Topics include cultural and national identity, aesthetics, the meaning of life, war, and death. Selected readings from Zen poems, folklore, autobiographies, and religious and philosophical writings. Course is taught in English and is an alternative to Western perspectives. Readings in translation. No previous knowledge of Vietnamese required. HU

ER&M 211a / EDST 144a / EVST 144a / SOCY 144a, Race, Ethnicity, and Immigration  Grace Kao
Exploration of sociological studies and theoretical and empirical analyses of race, ethnicity, and immigration, with focus on race relations and racial and ethnic differences in outcomes in contemporary U.S. society (post-1960s). Study of the patterns of educational and labor market outcomes, incarceration, and family formation of whites, blacks (African Americans), Hispanics, and Asian Americans in the United States, as well as immigration patterns and how they affect race and ethnic relations. SO

ER&M 214b / HIST 146b / HLTH 280b / HSHM 212b, Historical Perspectives on Global Health  Tess Lanzarotta
In the 21st century “global health” is recognized as an influential framework for orienting action among a huge range of groups including public health workers, activists, philanthropists, economists, political leaders, and students. How did this come to pass? This survey
class introduces you to the historical circumstances that have contributed to the contemporary landscape of global health. We travel through several centuries to examine how ideas about disease, colonialism, race, gender, science, diplomacy, security, economy, and humanitarianism have shaped and been shaped by attempts to negotiate problems of health that transcend geopolitical borders.

* ER&M 221b / AMST 206b / WGSS 222b, Introduction to Critical Refugee Studies  
Quan Tran
Reconfiguring refugees as fluid subjects and sites of social, political, and cultural critiques. Departing from dominant understandings of refugees as victims, consideration instead of refugees as complex historical actors, made visible through processes of colonization, imperialism, war, displacement, state violence, and globalization, as well as ethical, social, legal, and political transformations. Focus on second-half of the twentieth century.  
HU

* ER&M 224b / AMST 368b, Marxism and Social Movements in the Nineteenth Century  
Michael Denning
The history and theory of the socialist and Marxist traditions from their beginnings in the early nineteenth century to the world upheavals of 1917–19. Relations to labor, feminist, abolitionist, and anticolonial movements.  
RP

* ER&M 237b / AFST 217b, Change and Mobility in Contemporary Africa  
Veronica Waweru
In-depth analysis of contemporary and emerging transitions, changes, and shifts in African societies. When seen from ethnic perspectives, African issues are presented as static and predictable, however the impact of changes in public health, resource exploitation, revivalist Islamic movements, human trafficking, and the African Union have global reach.  
SO

ER&M 238a / AFAM 192 / AFST 238a / AMST 238a, Introduction to Third World Studies  
Gary Okihiro
Introduction to the historical and contemporary theories and articulations of Third World studies (comparative ethnic studies) as an academic field and practice. Consideration of subject matters; methodologies and theories; literatures; and practitioners and institutional arrangements.  
SO

ER&M 243b / AMST 234b / HIST 188b / RLST 342b, Spiritual But Not Religious  
Zareena Grewal
Study of the historical and contemporary “unchurching” trends in American religious life in a comparative perspective and across different scales of analysis in order to think about the relationship between spirituality, formal religion, secular psychology and the self-help industry.  
HU, SO

ER&M 282a / AMST 272a / HIST 183a / WGSS 272a, Asian American History, 1800 to the Present  
Mary Lui
An introduction to the history of East, and Southeast Asian migrations and settlement to the United States from the late eighteenth century to the present. Major themes include labor migration, community formation, U.S. imperialism, legal exclusion, racial segregation, gender and sexuality, cultural representations, and political resistance.  
HU

* ER&M 293b / LAST 293b, History and Culture of Cuba  
Albert Laguna and Reinaldo Funes Monzote
Investigation of the history and culture of Cuba from the colonial period to the present. Cultural production in the form of film, literature, and music discussed in relation to aesthetics and historical context. The course also engages with the history and culture of Cuban communities in the United States.  
HU

* ER&M 297b / AMST 371b, Food, Race, and Migration in United States Society  
Quan Tran
Exploration of the relationship between food, race, and migration in historical and contemporary United States contexts. Organized thematically and anchored in selected case studies, this course is comparative in scope and draws from contemporary work in the fields of food studies, ethnic studies, migration studies, American studies, anthropology, and history.  
SO

* ER&M 308b / AMST 398b / HIST 158Jb, American Indian Law and Policy  
Ned Blackhawk
Survey of the origins, history, and legacies of federal Indian law and policy during two hundred years of United States history. The evolution of U.S. constitutional law and political achievements of American Indian communities over the past four decades.  
WR, HU

* ER&M 312b / AMST 363b / WGSS 367b, Indigenous Feminisms  
Kelly Fayard
Exploration of a wide array of indigenous feminisms – drawn from various thematic and transnational contexts across the Americas and Native Pacific – so as to analyze the scope and significance of such knowledges, particularly as they relate to broader theories and practices of decolonization.  
HU

ER&M 313b / AFST 180b, Nigeria and Its Diaspora  
Oluseye Adesola
Nigerians in the modern diaspora, both those who endured forced migration and those who migrated voluntarily. Specific reference to the Igbo and the Yorùbás. The preservation and maintenance of Nigerian culture, history, dance, literature, traditional education, theater, politics, art, music, film, religion, and folklore, especially in African American and Nigerian American contexts.  
SO

* ER&M 342a / HIST 372Ja / LAST 372a, Revolutionary Change and Cold War in Latin America  
Gilbert Joseph
Analysis of revolutionary movements in Latin America against the backdrop of the Cold War. Critical examination of popular images and orthodox interpretations. An interdisciplinary study of the process of revolutionary change and cold war at the grassroots level.  
WR, HU

* ER&M 360b / HLTH 370b / HSHM 432b / SOCY 390b / WGSS 390b, Politics of Reproduction  
Rene Almeling
Reproduction as a process that is simultaneously biological and social, involving male and female bodies, family formation, and powerful social institutions such as medicine, law, and the marketplace. Sociological research on reproductive topics such as pregnancy, birth, abortion, contraception, infertility, reproductive technology, and aging. Core sociological concepts used to examine how the politics of reproduction are shaped by the intersecting inequalities of gender, race, class, and sexuality.  
WR, SO
Examination of ethnicity and nationalism in Latin America through the political lens of social knowledge. Comparative analysis of the evolution of symbolic, economic, and political perspectives on indigenous peoples, peasants, and people of African descent from the nineteenth century to the present. Consideration of the links between making ethnic categories in the social sciences and in literature and the rise of political mechanisms of participation and representation that have characterized the emergence of cultural politics. 

* ER&M 364b / HIST 334jb / LAST 334b, Ethnicity, Nationalism, and the Politics of Knowledge in Latin America  
Marcela Echeverri Munoz

A counterhistory of American democracy that traces the threads of xenophobia, demagogy, and patriarchy in the United States from the nineteenth century to the present day through histories, novels, and films. Alongside theories of fascism and white nationalism, students read critical works by black, feminist, and indigenous scholars.

* ER&M 375b / AFAM 385b / AMST 353b, Plantation, Prison, and Ghetto in the United States  
Aaron Carico

Survey of the plantation, ghetto, and prison. Three spatial forms as foundations for the American project, aligned with colonialism and domination. Theoretical and historical considerations of how production of space and racial differences have been articulated together in United States. Topics include political economy of slavery, ghetto origins, and prison abolition. 

* ER&M 376b / MGRK 304b / PLSC 376b / SOCY 307b, Extreme and Radical Right Movements  
Paris Aslanidis

Extreme and radical right movements and political parties are a recurrent phenomenon found in most parts of the world. Discussion of their foundational values and the causes of their continuous, even increasing, support among citizens and voters.

* ER&M 380a / AFAM 373a / AMST 355a, White America  
Aaron Carico

Critical exploration of how the whiteness of the United States and its institutions has been developed and maintained from the nineteenth century into the present. Special attention paid to the intersection of race and class, particularly to the position of poor whites. Examination of the politics and culture of American whiteness, texts include histories, literary essays, fiction, and films.

* ER&M 385b / AFAM 401b / AMST 411b / FILM 453b, Introduction to Documentary Studies  
Zareena Grewal

An introduction to documentary film, photography, and radio for students interested in doing documentary work, as well as for those who simply wish to study the history of the documentary as a cultural form.

* ER&M 394a / ANTH 409a / EVST 422a / F&ES 422a, Climate and Society from Past to Present  
Michael Dove

Discussion of the major traditions of thought—both historic and contemporary—regarding climate, climate change, and society; focusing on the politics of knowledge and belief vs disbelief; and drawing on the social sciences and anthropology in particular.

* ER&M 407a / AMST 341a, Race and Capitalism  
Aaron Carico

This interdisciplinary seminar explores, both theoretically and historically, how racial formations are bound to the formations of capitalism. Focus on the American scene, with sustained inquiry on slavery, its commodity logics, and their residues. Consideration of the effects of immigration and globalization.

* ER&M 408a / AFAM 412a / AMST 408a, Race and Comedy  
Albert Laguna

Introduction to theories of the ludic and to critical race theory. Ways in which comic modes have been utilized by racialized subjects to represent and issue critiques of the dominant culture. Analysis of stand-up comedy, film, television, and novels.

* ER&M 409a / AMST 345a / WGSS 408a, Latinx Ethnography  
Ana Ramos-Zayas

Consideration of ethnography within the genealogy and intellectual traditions of Latinx Studies. Topics include: questions of knowledge production and epistemological traditions in Latin America and U.S. Latino communities; conceptions of migration, transnationalism, and space; perspectives on “(il)legality” and criminalization; labor, wealth, and class identities; contextual understandings of gender and sexuality; theorizations of affect and intimate lives; and the politics of race and inequality under white liberalism and conservatism in the United States.

* ER&M 419a / AFAM 390a / SOCY 319a, Ethnography of the African American Community  
Elijah Anderson

An ethnographic study of the African American community. Analysis of ethnographic and historical literature, with attention to substantive, conceptual, and methodological issues. Topics include the significance of slavery, the racial ghetto, structural poverty, the middle class, the color line, racial etiquette, and social identity.

* ER&M 430a / AMST 450a / WGSS 461a, Islam in the American Imagination  
Zareena Grewal

The representation of Muslims in the United States and abroad throughout the twentieth century. The place of Islam in the American imagination; intersections between concerns of race and citizenship in the United States and foreign policies directed toward the Middle East.

* ER&M 432a / AMST 422a / HIST 151Ja, Writing Tribal Histories  
Ned Blackhawk

Historical overview of American Indian tribal communities, particularly since the creation of the United States. Challenges of working with oral histories, government documents, and missionary records.

* ER&M 439a / AMST 436a, American Fascism  
Aaron Carico

Reading, discussions, and research on imperialism and “green gold” and their consequences for the imperial powers and their colonies and neo-colonies. Spatially conceived as a world-system that enmeshes the planet and as earth’s latitudes that divide the temperate from the tropical zones, imperialism as discourse and material relations is this seminar’s focus together with its implantations—an empire of
plants. Vast plantations of sugar, cotton, tea, coffee, bananas, and pineapples occupy land cultivated by native and migrant workers, and their fruits move from the tropical to the temperate zones, impoverishing the periphery while profiting the core. Fruits of Empire, thus, implicates power and the social formation of race, gender, sexuality, class, and nation. HU, SO

* ER&M 463b / AFAM 358b / SOCY 373b, Ethnography of Policing and Race  Kalfani Ture
Ethnography is the systematic study of culture and a method of knowledge production utilized by social scientists to apprehend, comprehend, and represent cultural groups and other social phenomena. This course explores the ethnographic representations of policing historically alongside the American construction of race. It explores the complex nature of policing in racially concentrated contexts. Additionally, it explores the warrants of ethnography as it relates to the study of policing and race. Students examine the tension between typical racial minorities and policing and the experiences of various other racialize groups that have appeared in and fallen out of focus as targets for racialize police contact. SO

HIST 119b / AFAM 172b, The Civil War and Reconstruction Era, 1845–1877  David Blight
The causes, course, and consequences of the American Civil War. A search for the multiple meanings of a transformative event, including national, sectional, racial, constitutional, social, gender, intellectual, and individual dimensions. HU

HIST 332a / AFST 333a, African Encounters with Colonialism  Daniel Magaziner
How African societies and peoples encountered, engaged, and endured the colonial and postcolonial world, from the arrival of Kiswahili-speaking traders at the shores of Lake Victoria in the 1840s through the rise and fall of European colonialism and the resulting forms of neocolonialism. Transformations and continuities in African religious life; gendered sociability; popular culture. HU

* HIST 362b, The Colombian Conflict in Historical Perspective  Timothy Lorek
The current moment of peace and reckoning with decades of violence in Colombia offers an opportunity to examine the historical contours of that long-running conflict. Using the recent peace negotiations between the FARC and the government of Juan Manuel Santos as the launching point, we evaluate the historical roots of conflict and violence in Colombia, dating back to the nineteenth century but focusing most in-depth on the period after 1946, the date typically associated with the beginning of the period known as la Violencia. We situate conflict in Colombia’s geographic, cultural, and ethnic complexities and explore themes ranging from land tenure and land reform to agricultural modernization, capitalism, the reach of the state and social services, urbanization, political parties, drugs, and hemispheric relations. WR, HU

* HIST 388Ja / AFST 486a, Slavery and the Slave Trade in Africa  Robert Harms
The slave trade from the African perspective. Analysis of why slavery developed in Africa and how it operated. The long-term social, political, and economic effects of the Atlantic slave trade. WR, HU

LITR 143b / ENGL 192b / FILM 240b, World Cinema  Dudley Andrew and Marta Figlerowicz
Development of ways to engage films from around the globe productively. Close analysis of a dozen complex films, with historical contextualization of their production and cultural functions. Attention to the development of critical skills. Includes weekly screenings, each followed immediately by discussion. HU

* PLSC 227b / EP&E 310b, Refugee Law and Policy  Tally Kritzman-Amir
Controversies and challenges in U.S. and international refugee law and policy, with a focus on asylum law and practice in the United States. Emphasis on legal reasoning and analysis through close reading of statutes, regulations, and case law. Final project is a legal brief on behalf of a client. SO

* PLSC 260a / EP&E 304a, Ethics, Politics, and Economics in Today's World  Frances Rosenbluth
This seminar is designed as a venue for integrating EP&E studies into an intellectually coherent approach to some of the world's greatest challenges. As with the major itself, the seminar is deliberately inter-disciplinary in order to give students the opportunity to put together for themselves, as world citizens and future leaders, a broad platform of usable knowledge.

PLSC 359b / ECON 340b, Economics and Politics of Development  Gerard Padro
This course covers recent scholarship on the political economy of development. It starts with the study of macro-historical facts and move on to micro issues, such as conflict and corruption. Prerequisite: Intermediate microeconomics and Econometrics (ECON 117 or equivalent).

* PLSC 368b / PLSC 729b, Authoritarianism and Totalitarianism  Aysen Candas
The aim of the course is to familiarize students with the political science literature on two political regime types called authoritarianism and totalitarianism. These regime types are most frequently studied with reference to their systematized negation of liberalism, freedoms, equality, and democracy. This background on literature is followed with readings on the current regimes in Turkey, Russia, Hungary, and Poland to determine the similarities and differences of these new regimes from their forerunners in history and ends with reflections on the new “populisms.” SO

* SOCY 310a / AFAM 390a / ER&M 419a, Ethnography of the African American Community  Elijah Anderson
An ethnographic study of the African American community. Analysis of ethnographic and historical literature, with attention to substantive, conceptual, and methodological issues. Topics include the significance of slavery, the racial ghetto, structural poverty, the middle class, the color line, racial etiquette, and social identity. SO
* THST 335b / AFST 435b, West African Dance: Traditional to Contemporary  Lacina Coulibaly
A practical and theoretical study of the traditional dances of Africa, focusing on those of Burkina Faso and their contemporary manifestations. Emphasis on rhythm, kinesthetic form, and gestural expression. The fusion of modern European dance and traditional African dance. Admission by audition during the first class meeting.  HU  RP

WGSS 405a / EALL 211a / EAST 241 / LITR 174a, Women and Literature in Traditional China  Kang-i Sun Chang
A study of major women writers in traditional China, as well as representations of women by male authors. The power of women’s writing; women and material culture; women in exile; courtesans; Taoist and Buddhist nuns; widow poets; cross-dressing women; the female body and its metaphors; footbinding; notions of love and death; the aesthetics of illness; women and revolution; poetry clubs; the function of memory in women’s literature; problems of gender and genre. All readings in translation; no knowledge of Chinese required. Some Chinese texts provided for students who read Chinese. Formerly CHNS 201.  HU  TR

Individual Research and Senior Essay Courses

* ER&M 471a and ER&M 472b, Individual Reading and Research for Juniors and Seniors  Ana Ramos-Zayas
For students who wish to cover material not otherwise offered by the program. The course may be used for research or for directed reading. In either case a term paper or its equivalent is required. Students meet regularly with a faculty adviser. To apply for admission, students submit a prospectus signed by the faculty adviser to the director of undergraduate studies.

* ER&M 491a, The Senior Colloquium: Theoretical and Methodological Issues  Quan Tran
A research seminar intended to move students toward the successful completion of their senior projects, combining discussions of methodological and theoretical issues with discussions of students’ fields of research.

* ER&M 492b, The Senior Essay or Project  Staff
Independent research on a one-term senior essay or project.