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-Zayas (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)
Public health workers, activists, philanthropists, economists, political leaders, and students. How did this come to pass? This survey 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. HU

* 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. SO

* 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 243b / 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 182a / 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, theatre, politics, art, music, film, religion, and folklore, especially in African American and Nigerian American contexts. SO

* ER&M 342a / HIST 372a / 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. WR, HU

* ER&M 369b / AMST 336b, American Fascism  Aaron Carico
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 403b, 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.  HU

* ER&M 376b / MGRK 304b / PLSC 356b / 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.  SO

* ER&M 380a / AFAM 375a / 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.  HU

* 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.  HU, RP

* 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 versus disbelief; and drawing on the social sciences and anthropology in particular.  SO

* 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.  SO

* 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.  HU

* 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.  SO

* 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.  SO

* 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. WR, SO

* 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.  WR, HU

* ER&M 439a / AMST 439a, Fruits of Empire  Gary Okihiro
Readings, 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.  

* 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.  

**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.  

**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.  

* HIST 362Jb, 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 Colombias’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.  

**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.  

* 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.  

* 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.”  

* 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.
* **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.  
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**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.  
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### 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.