

Ethnic Studies Student Pathways  
Options to Fulfill the Graduation Requirement

Option 1 Pathway  
U.S. History with Integrated Ethnic Studies

Junior Year: Student must complete 2 Springs' US History Opts identified as meeting Ethnic Studies requirements

Choose Outcome 1: Historical Context

- **Debating American Ideals:** What does it mean to live in a society founded on the promise that "all men are created equal"? This opt examines the evolving understanding of America's founding ideals—Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness—by analyzing the historical context of key events and figures. We will explore how different groups of people have contributed to and challenged these ideals from 1776 to the present, highlighting the struggles, successes, and ongoing debates that define the American experience.

Choose Outcome 2: Multiple Points of View

- **Are We There Yet?** Anyone who has ever been on a road trip can relate to asking the question, "Are we there yet?" Usually, we ask it after growing restless from the journey. When studying history, we can ask the same question: Have we arrived at a better understanding of the past? Have we learned from previous mistakes, or are we repeating dangerous patterns? In this opt, we'll explore the last 50 years of the 19th century to examine how different groups of people were treated during this time. By analyzing their historical experiences, we'll connect lessons from the past to current issues, asking: What have we learned, and how are we doing things differently today? So, buckle up, and get ready to dive into history, reflect on its lessons, and answer the question: Are we there yet?

Option 2 Pathway  
College Enrollment Only

Barstow CC Enrollment  
Choose 1 Course from Below

- **ETHN 1 Introduction to Ethnic Studies:** This course provides a multidisciplinary introduction to and analysis of ethnic groups in the United States. Students will apply various theories and perspectives to develop a comprehension of the effects of institutional racism, economic and environmental marginalization, and socioeconomic and political discrimination on American ethnic and racial groups. Emphasis on Native, African, Latinx, and Asian American cultural experiences.
- **ETHN 5 Introduction to the Latinx Experience:** This course surveys the social, political, economic and cultural development and experience of the various Latin Americans in the United States. The survey includes the following groups: Mexicans, Puerto Ricans, Cubans and other Caribbean people, Central and South Americans. The course also analyzes the contributions made by the Latin Americans to the economic development of the North American society.
- **ETHN 6 Introduction to the African American Studies:** A critical examination of African American history and historiography covering the colonial period through the opening of the 21st century. We will trace the African American experience from its West African roots, through the trauma of the Atlantic slave trade, and the struggle of a people to create culture and community under the brutal conditions of American slavery. Following an overview of the Civil War and Reconstruction, students will analyze the rise of "Jim Crow," black migration, and urbanization over the course to two world wars and the continuing influence of African Americans on the politics and culture of the United States.