Program

BA in Multicultural and Gender Studies
  General Option
  Women’s Studies Option
Minor in African American Studies
Minor in American Indian Studies
Minor in Asian American Studies
Minor in Chicano Studies
Minor in Managing Diversity in Organizations
Minor in Multicultural Studies
Minor in Sexual Diversity Studies
Minor in Women’s Studies

Our Mission

Multicultural and Gender Studies (MCGS) is an interdisciplinary program that furthers the University’s goal of providing students with the knowledge and commitment to be socially responsible citizens in a diverse democracy and interconnected world. MCGS students and faculty analyze and challenge interlocking systems of power including racism, classism, and heterosexism. We work together as a diverse community of scholars and activists to critically examine gender, sexuality, race, and ethnicity—primarily within the U.S.—in historical and contemporary cultural contexts.

The BA in MCGS provides an interdisciplinary approach to cultural analysis within and across cultural groups in the United States, with emphasis on the role of class, race, and gender in shaping cultural identities.

The General Option in MCGS includes work in the theory and practice of cultural analysis; cross-cultural and inter-ethnic study; examination of the role of gender in culture; and close analysis of a particular cultural group.

The Women’s Studies Option in MCGS is based on a combination of multicultural and gender studies courses focused on women and feminist analysis.

The African American Studies Minor focuses on African Americans, both as cultural groups in diaspora and as active agents in the shaping of the United States.

The American Indian Studies Minor focuses on the history, literature, worldviews, social practices, and legal issues of Indian tribes.

The Asian American Studies Minor focuses on rapidly growing cultural groups in the United States from Japan, China, Korea, the Philippines, Southeast Asia, and India.

The Chicano Studies Minor focuses on the history, cultural expressions, social practices, and growing political power of Mexican Americans.

Managing Diversity in Organizations is a joint minor with the Department of Management. This minor brings together the two disciplines to analyze and develop strategies for effectively managing diverse work environments.

The Multicultural Studies Minor offers an introduction to the theory and practice of cultural analysis, study of cross-cultural and inter-ethnic issues, and close work with a particular American ethnic group.

The Sexual Diversity Studies Minor focuses on the construction and expression of diverse sexual identities and the ways societies shape and control these identities. This minor examines theories (e.g., biological, psychological, sociological) and expressions of sexuality across cultures and subcultures.

The Women’s Studies Minor introduces students to the theory and practice of feminist cultural analysis, and basic issues and perspectives in women’s studies.

Given that rigorous academic learning is most effective when linked with community work, our students put theory into practice through service and activist internships on campus and throughout the North State. Our students—with support from MCGS faculty—work with student and community organizations such as MECHA, the AS Women’s Center, the Pan African Union, the American Indian Club, Planned Parenthood, Catalyst, and the Community Legal Information Center. Students participate in campus forums, lectures, and workshops such as the Conversations on Diversity series aimed at cultivating a diverse and just environment.

Program Goals

Students completing a degree program in MCGS will achieve the following goals: 1) gain an appreciation of diversities of race, sex, gender as an enrichment of life, not a limitation or obstacle; 2) think critically about the situated nature of different racial/ethnic, gender, and sexual identity groups in the United States; 3) apply central vocabulary, concepts, theories, and analytical frameworks germane to the fields of multicultural and gender studies; 4) communicate effectively in speech and writing; 5) conduct library, Internet, and/or field research as appropriate to the study in one or more of the MCGS disciplines; and 6) synthesize theory with practice through service and activism.

Career Outlook

Our programs are particularly relevant to students considering careers in teaching, law, management, health and community service, public administration, human resources, non-profits, and public policy.
The Bachelor of Arts in Multicultural and Gender Studies

Total Course Requirements for the Bachelor’s Degree: 120 units

See “Requirements for the Bachelor’s Degree” in the University Catalog for complete details on general degree requirements. A minimum of 40 units, including those required for the major, must be upper division.

The Bachelor of Arts in Multicultural and Gender Studies Total Course Requirements for the Bachelor’s Degree: 120 units

See “Requirements for the Bachelor’s Degree” in the University Catalog for complete details on general degree requirements. A minimum of 40 units, including those required for the major, must be upper division.

A suggested Major Academic Plan (MAP) has been prepared to help students meet all graduation requirements within four years. Please request a plan from your major advisor or visit the University Catalog or Program Search.

General Education Requirements: 48 units

See “General Education Requirements” in the University Catalog and the Class Schedule for the most current information on General Education Requirements and course offerings. The course requirements marked below with an asterisk (*) may also be applied toward General Education.

Diversity Course Requirements: 6 units

See “Diversity Requirement” in the University Catalog. Most courses taken to satisfy these requirements may also apply to General Education.

U.S. History, Constitution, and American Ideals: 6 units

See “U.S. History, Constitution, and American Ideals” under “Bachelor’s Degree Requirements”. This requirement is normally fulfilled by completing HIST 130 and POLS 155 or approved equivalents. Courses used to satisfy this requirement do not apply to General Education.

Literacy Requirement:

See “Mathematics and Writing Requirements” in the University Catalog. Writing proficiency in the major is a graduation requirement and may be demonstrated through satisfactory completion of a course in your major which has been designated as the Writing Proficiency (WP) course for the semester in which you take the course. Students who earn below a C- are required to repeat the course and earn a C- or better to receive WP credit. See the Class Schedule for the designated WP courses for each semester. You must pass ENGL 130 (or its equivalent) with a C- or better before you may register for a WP course.

Course Requirements for the Major: 39 units

Completion of the following courses, or their approved transfer equivalents, are required of all candidates for this degree.

Up to 6 units from other majors, minors, or General Education may be counted toward the MCGS major or minor.

Major Core Requirements: 18 units

Lower-Division Requirements: 6 units

2 courses required:
- MCGS 155 Intro Multicultural/Gender Std 3.0 FS * USD
- WMST 170 Intro to Women’s Studies 3.0 FS *

Upper-Division Requirements: 12 units

2 courses selected from:
- CMST 334 Gender and Communication 3.0 FS *
- MCGS 326 Perspectives on Gender/Disease 3.0 FS *
  This course is also offered as NURS 326.
- MCGS 330 Sociology of Gender 3.0 Inq
  This course is also offered as SOCI 130.
- MCGS 345 Theoretical Perspectives Gender 3.0 Inq
  This course is also offered as PHIL 345.
- MCGS 380 Gender, Science, and Society 3.0 SP *
- MCGS 479 Lang/Gend in Crosscult Perp 3.0 Inq
  Prerequisites: ENGL 371 or WMST 200.
  This course is also offered as ENGL 479.

1 course selected from:
- WMST 335 Women/Gender in Amer History 3.0 Inq *
  This course is also offered as HIST 335.

2 courses selected from:
- CMST 335 Intercult Comm Theory/Pract 3.0 FS USD
- MCGS 324 Religion/Amer Eth Minorities 3.0 FS * USD
  This course is also offered as RELS 324.
- MCGS 327 Politics of Race/Eth in US 3.0 FS USD
  This course is also offered as POLS 327.
- MCGS 328 Multicultural Health 3.0 FS
  This course is also offered as HCSV 328.
- MCGS 332 American Ethnic Origins 3.0 FS * USD
  This course is also offered as HIST 332.
- MCGS 341 Cross-Cultural Psychology 3.0 FS * GC
  This course is also offered as PSYC 341.
- MCGS 350 Ethnic and Race Relations 3.0 Inq * USD
  This course is also offered as SOCJ 350.

Major Option Course Requirements: 21 units

The following courses, or their approved transfer equivalents, are required dependent upon the option chosen. Students must select one of the following options for completion of the major course requirements.

General Option: 21 units

2 courses required:
- MCGS 451B Civil Rights/Civil Liberties 3.0 FS
  This course is also offered as POLS 451B.
- MCGS 495 Senior Seminar in MCGS 3.0 SP WP
  Prerequisites: ENGL 130 (or its equivalent) with a grade of C- or higher.

1 course selected from:
- MCGS 385 Community Activism & Service 3.0 Inq
  Prerequisites: MCGS 155 and one of the following: AAST 152, AFAM 170, AIST 170, CHST 157, or WMST 170.
- MCGS 489 Internship in MCGS 1.0-3.0 FS
  Note: MCGS 489 must be taken for 3 units.

Women’s Studies Option: 21 units

3 courses required:
- WMST 200 Feminist Theory 3.0 FA
  Prerequisites: WMST 170.
- WMST 430 Issues & Theories in WMST 3.0 FS
  Prerequisites: WMST 170 or WMST 200.
- WMST 490 Research Sem Women’s Studies 3.0 SP WP
  Prerequisites: ENGL 130 (or its equivalent) with a grade of C- or higher, WMST 170, WMST 200.

3 courses selected from:
- MCGS 310 GLBTQ Issues and Identities 3.0 Inq * USD
  Prerequisites: MCGS 155 or WMST 170 recommended.
- WMST 230 Women in Contemp Societies 3.0 FA *
  This course is also offered as SOCI 230.
- WMST 311 Women/Men/Media 3.0 SP *
  This course is also offered as JOUR 311.
- WMST 324 Women and Politics 3.0 FS *
  This course is also offered as POLS 324.
- WMST 326 Modern European Women’s Hist 3.0 SP
  This course is also offered as HIST 326.
- WMST 333 Women Internationally 3.0 FS * GC
  This course is also offered as WMST 339.
- WMST 360 Women Writers 3.0 FS *
  This course is also offered as ENGL 360.
- WMST 368 Women’s Health 3.0 FS *
  This course is also offered as HCSV 368, and NURS 368.
- WMST 375 Women and Religion 3.0 FS *
  This course is also offered as RELS 375.
- WMST 426 Women and the Law 3.0 Inq
  This course is also offered as POLS 426.
- WMST 475 Feminist Theology 3.0 Inq
  Prerequisites: RELS 375 or WMST 375.
  This course is also offered as RELS 475.

1 course selected from:
- MCGS 383 Community Activism & Service 3.0 Inq
  Prerequisites: MCGS 155 and one of the following: AAST 152, AFAM 170, AIST 170, CHST 157, or WMST 170.
- MCGS 489 Internship in MCGS 1.0-3.0 FS
  Note: Students must take at least 3 units of internship. This is a letter-graded internship.

Elections Requirement:

To complete the total units required for the bachelor’s degree, select additional elective courses from the total University offerings. You should consult with an advisor regarding the selection of courses which will provide breadth to your University experience and possibly apply to a supportive second major or minor.
Grading Requirement:
All courses taken to fulfill major course requirements must be taken for a letter grade except those courses specified by the department as Credit/No Credit grading only.

Advising Requirement:
Advising is mandatory for all majors in this degree program. Consult your undergraduate advisor for specific information.

The Minor in Multicultural Studies
Course Requirements for the Minor: 24 units
The following courses, or their approved transfer equivalents, are required of all candidates for this minor.

Minor Core: 3 units
1 course required:
MCGS 155 Intro Multicultural/Gender Std 3.0 FS * USD

Breadth: 12 units
1 course selected from:
AAST 152 Int Asian American Exper 3.0 Inq * USD
AFAM 170 Intro African American Studies 3.0 FS * USD
AIST 170 Intro to Amer Indian Studies 3.0 FS * USD
CHST 157 Intro to Chicano Studies 3.0 FS * USD

1 course selected from:
CMST 335 Intercult Comm Theory/Prct 3.0 FS USD
MCGS 324 Religion/Amer Eth Minorities 3.0 FS * USD
MCGS 328 Multicultural Health 3.0 FS USD

6 units selected from:
With the approval of the major advisor, select 6 units from African American Studies, Chicano Studies, Asian American Studies, or American Indian Studies which will not be used to meet other section requirements in the Multicultural Studies minor.

Capstone: 9 units
2 courses required:
MCGS 451B Civil Rights/Civil Liberties 3.0 FS
This course is also offered as POLS 451B.
MCGS 495 Senior Seminar in MCGS 3.0 SP WP
Prerequisites: ENGL 130 (or its equivalent) with a grade of C- or higher.

1 course selected from:
MCGS 385 Community Activism & Service 3.0 Inq
Prerequisites: MCGS 155 and one of the following: AAST 152, AFAM 170, AIST 170, CHST 157, or WMST 170.
MCGS 489 Internship in MCGS 1.0-3.0 FS

Note: Students must take at least 3 units of internship. This is a letter-graded internship.

The Minor in African American Studies
Course Requirements for the Minor: 24 units
The following courses, or their approved transfer equivalents, are required of all candidates for this minor.

Minor Core: 12 units
4 courses required:
AFAM 170 Intro African American Studies 3.0 FS * USD
AFAM 231 African American History 3.0 FS * USD
This course is also offered as HIST 231.
AFAM 355 Sociology of African Americans 3.0 Inq
Prerequisites: AFAM 170 or SOCI 100.
This course is also offered as SOCI 100.
MCGS 155 Intro Multicultural/Gender Std 3.0 FS * USD

Breadth: 6 units
2 courses selected from:
AFAM 100 Intro to African Studies 3.0 FS * GC
This course is also offered as AFR 100.
AFAM 206 Comparative Slavery 3.0 FS * USD
This course is also offered as HIST 206.
AFAM 251 African-American Literature 3.0 FS * USD
This course is also offered as ENGL 251.
AFAM 296 African American Music 3.0 FS * USD
This course is also offered as MUSC 296.
MCGS 451B Civil Rights/Civil Liberties 3.0 FS
This course is also offered as POLS 451B.

Capstone: 6 units
1 course required:
MCGS 495 Senior Seminar in MCGS 3.0 SP WP
Prerequisites: ENGL 130 (or its equivalent) with a grade of C- or higher.

1 course selected from:
MCGS 385 Community Activism & Service 3.0 Inq
Prerequisites: MCGS 155 and one of the following: AAST 152, AFAM 170, AIST 170, CHST 157, or WMST 170.
MCGS 489 Internship in MCGS 1.0-3.0 FS
Note: Students must take at least 3 units of internship. This is a letter-graded internship.

The Minor in American Indian Studies
Course Requirements for the Minor: 24 units
The following courses, or their approved transfer equivalents, are required of all candidates for this minor.

Minor Core: 12 units
4 courses required:
AIST 170 Intro to Amer Indian Studies 3.0 FS * USD
AIST 325 Worldviews of American Indians 3.0 Inq USD
This course is also offered as RELS 325.
AIST 457 American Indian/Federal Law Prerequisites: Faculty permission.
This course is also offered as POLS 457.
MCGS 153 Intro Multicultural/Gender Std 3.0 FS * USD

Breadth: 6 units
1 course selected from:
AIST 230 The American Indian 3.0 FS * USD
This course is also offered as HIST 230.
AIST 252 American Indian Literature 3.0 FS * USD
This course is also offered as ENGL 252.
AIST 261 North American Indians 3.0 FS * USD
This course is also offered as ANTH 261.
AIST 271 Issues in American Indian Educ 3.0 FS USD
AIST 362 California Indians 3.0 FA USD
This course is also offered as ANTH 362.

1 course selected from:
CMST 335 Intercult Comm Theory/Prct 3.0 FS USD
MCGS 328 Multicultural Health 3.0 FS USD
This course is also offered as HCSV 328.
RELS 347 Cross-Cultural Environ Ethics 3.0 FS *

Capstone: 6 units
1 course required:
MCGS 495 Senior Seminar in MCGS 3.0 SP WP
Prerequisites: ENGL 130 (or its equivalent) with a grade of C- or higher.

1 course selected from:
MCGS 385 Community Activism & Service 3.0 Inq
Prerequisites: MCGS 155 and one of the following: AAST 152, AFAM 170, AIST 170, CHST 157, or WMST 170.
MCGS 489 Internship in MCGS 1.0-3.0 FS
Note: Students must take at least 3 units of internship. This is a letter-graded internship.

The Minor in Asian American Studies
Course Requirements for the Minor: 24 units
The following courses, or their approved transfer equivalents, are required of all candidates for this minor.

Minor Core: 15 units
5 courses required:
AAST 152 Intro Asian American Exper 3.0 Inq USD
This course is also offered as SOCI 152.
AAST 253 Asian American Literature 3.0 FS * USD
This course is also offered as ENGL 253.
AAST 351 Asian American Communities 3.0 Inq
This course is also offered as SOCI 351.
AAST 370 Asian Immigrtn: Wrld Perspec 3.0 Inq USD
MCGS 451B Civil Rights/Civil Liberties 3.0 FS * USD

1 course selected from:
AIST 351 American Indian/Federal Law Prerequisites: Faculty permission.
This course is also offered as POLS 457.
MCGS 153 Intro Multicultural/Gender Std 3.0 FS * USD

Breadth: 6 units
1 course selected from:
AAST 351 American Indian/Federal Law Prerequisites: Faculty permission.
This course is also offered as POLS 457.
MCGS 153 Intro Multicultural/Gender Std 3.0 FS * USD

1 course required:
AFAM 170 Intro African American Studies 3.0 FS * USD
AFAM 231 African American History 3.0 FS * USD
This course is also offered as HIST 231.
AFAM 355 Sociology of African Americans 3.0 Inq
Prerequisites: AFAM 170 or SOCI 100.
This course is also offered as SOCI 100.
MCGS 155 Intro Multicultural/Gender Std 3.0 FS * USD

2 courses selected from:
AFAM 100 Intro to African Studies 3.0 FS * GC
This course is also offered as AFR 100.
AFAM 206 Comparative Slavery 3.0 FS * USD
This course is also offered as HIST 206.
AFAM 251 African-American Literature 3.0 FS * USD
This course is also offered as ENGL 251.
AFAM 296 African American Music 3.0 FS * USD
This course is also offered as MUSC 296.
MCGS 451B Civil Rights/Civil Liberties 3.0 FS
The following courses, or their approved transfer equivalents, are required of all candidates for this minor.

Minor Core: 15 units
4 courses required:

- CHST 157 Intro to Chicano Studies 3.0 FS * USD
- CHST 358 Chicanos Contemporary Society 3.0 FA USD
- CHST 439 Chicanos/Latinos: Cross-Cult 3.0 Inq
- MCGS 155 Intro Multicultural/Gender Std 3.0 FS * USD

Note: This course is also offered as CHST 359.

1 course selected from:
- MCGS 355 Mexican Heritage in U.S. 3.0 FA USD
- CHST 134 Mexican Heritage to 1848 3.0 FA USD
- CHST 264 Mexican Heritage to 1848 3.0 FA USD
- CHST 234 Mexican Heritage to 1848 3.0 FA USD

Breath: 3-4 units
1 course selected from:
- CHST 354 Chicano Literature 3.0 FS * USD
- CHST 406 Meso-American/Colonial Art 3.0 Inq
- HIST 382 Mexico: History and Politics 3.0 FS * GC
- LAST 352 Mexico: Literature and Arts 3.0 FS * GC
- SPAN 201 Third-Semester Spanish 4.0 FS *
- SPAN 202 Fourth-Semester Spanish 4.0 FS *
- SPAN 203 Fourth-Semester Spanish 4.0 FS *
- SPAN 204 Fourth-Semester Spanish 4.0 FS *

Capstone: 6 units
1 course required:
- MCGS 495 Senior Seminar in MCGS 3.0 SP WP
- MCGS 495 Senior Seminar in MCGS 3.0 SP WP

Note: This course is also offered as MCGS 495.

Foundation: 9 units
3 courses required:
- MCGS 155 Intro Multicultural/Gender Std 3.0 FS * USD
- MGMT 303 Survey of Management 3.0 FS
- MGMT 304 Human Resource Management 3.0 FS

The Minor in Managing Diversity in Organizations
Course Requirements for the Minor: 24 units
The following courses, or their approved transfer equivalents, are required of all candidates for this minor.

Minor Core: 9 units
3 courses required:
- MCGS 155 Intro Multicultural/Gender Std 3.0 FS * USD
- WMST 170 Intro to Women’s Studies 3.0 FS *
- WMST 200 Feminist Theory 3.0 FS

Note: Students must take at least 3 units of internship. This is a letter-graded internship.

The Minor in Women’s Studies
Course Requirements for the Minor: 24 units
The following courses, or their approved transfer equivalents, are required of all candidates for this minor.

Minor Core: 12 units
4 courses required:
- MCGS 310 GLBTQ Issues and Identities 3.0 Inq * USD
- MCGS 380 Gender, Science, and Society 3.0 SP *
- WMST 170 Intro to Women’s Studies 3.0 FS *
- WMST 430 Issues & Theories in WMST 3.0 FS

Note: Students must take at least 3 units of internship. This is a letter-graded internship.

The Minor in Sexual Diversity Studies
Course Requirements for the Minor: 24 units
The following courses, or their approved transfer equivalents, are required of all candidates for this minor.

Minor Core: 12 units
4 courses required:
- MCGS 310 GLBTQ Issues and Identities 3.0 Inq * USD
- MCGS 380 Gender, Science, and Society 3.0 SP *
- WMST 170 Intro to Women’s Studies 3.0 FS *
- WMST 430 Issues & Theories in WMST 3.0 FS

Note: Students must take at least 3 units of internship. This is a letter-graded internship.

The Minor in Managing Diversity in Organizations
Course Requirements for the Minor: 24 units
The following courses, or their approved transfer equivalents, are required of all candidates for this minor.

Minor Core: 9 units
3 courses required:
- MCGS 155 Intro Multicultural/Gender Std 3.0 FS * USD
- WMST 170 Intro to Women’s Studies 3.0 FS *
- WMST 200 Feminist Theory 3.0 FS
Multicultural and Gender Studies

Breadth: 9 units

1 course selected from:

WMST 333 Women Internationally
WMST 339 Cultural Images of Women
WMST 375 Women and Religion

This course is also offered as RELS 375.

2 courses selected from:

MCGS 310 GLBTQ Issues and Identities
Prerequisites: MCGS 133 or WMST 170 recommended.

MCGS 380 Gender, Science, and Society

MCGS 479 Lang/Gend in Crosscult Persp
Prerequisites: ENGL 371 or WMST 200.

WMST 230 Women in Contemp Societies

This course is also offered as SOCI 230.

WMST 311 Women/Men/Media

This course is also offered as JOUR 311.

WMST 324 Women and Politics

This course is also offered as POLS 324.

WMST 335 Women/Gender in Amer History

This course is also offered as HIST 335.

WMST 360 Women Writers

This course is also offered as ENGL 360.

WMST 368 Women's Health

This course is also offered as HCSV 368, and NURS 368.

WMST 426 Women and the Law

This course is also offered as POLS 426.

WMST 475 Feminist Theology
Prerequisites: RELS 375 or WMST 375.

This course is also offered as RELS 475.

Capstone: 6 units

1 course required:

WMST 430 Issues & Theories in WMST
Prerequisites: WMST 170 or WMST 200.

1 course selected from:

MCGS 385 Community Activism & Service
Prerequisites: MCGS 135 and one of the following: AAST 152, AFAM 170, AIST 170, CHST 157, or WMST 170.

MCGS 489 Internship in MCGS

1.0-3.0 FS

Note: Students must take at least 3 units of internship. This is a letter-graded internship.

The Faculty

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Multicultural and Gender Studies Course Offerings

Please see the section on “Course Description Symbols and Terms” in the University Catalog for an explanation of course description terminology and symbols, the course numbering system, and course credit units. All courses are lecture and discussion and employ letter grading unless otherwise stated. Some prerequisites may be waived with faculty permission. Many syllabi are available on the Chico Web.

MCGS 155 Introduction to Multicultural and Gender Studies

An introduction to the concepts, terminology, and issues in multicultural and gender studies, including exploration of America’s multicultural history, gender as an element of culture, and contemporary issues in the field. This is an approved General Education course. This is an approved US Diversity course. (002602)

MCGS 198 Special Topics in Multicultural and Gender

This course is a special topic offered for 1.0-3.0 units. You must register directly with a supervising faculty member. Analysis of selected topics in multicultural and gender studies not covered in the regular curriculum. Topics may vary from one semester to another; see the Class Schedule for the specific topic being offered. (002603)

MCGS 310 Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Issues and Identities

Prerequisites: MCGS 155 or WMST 170 recommended.

An exploration of current scholarship in gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and queer theories, issues, and communities. Grounded in feminist scholarship, the course examines GLBTQ identity construction and formation through media, politics, sex/sexuality, science, and the law. Specific focus will vary from semester to semester. This is an approved General Education course. This is an approved US Diversity course. (009639)

MCGS 315 Gender and the Stage

3.0 Fa/Spr

A study of gender issues as they have been dealt with in plays and productions throughout the history of the theatre. The course will focus on the portrayal of women and men on stage as well as key figures who broke barriers in the areas of playwriting, acting, designing, and production. This is an approved General Education course. This course is also offered as THEA 315. (009520)

MCGS 324 Religion and America’s Ethnic Minorities

3.0 Fa/Spr

An exploration of the religions which inform America’s ethnic minorities. The historical, cultural, and social experiences and values of Native American, Hispanic American, African American, Pacific Islander, and Asian American ethnic minority groups will be examined. This is an approved General Education course. This is an approved US Diversity course. This course is also offered as RELS 324. (005643)

MCGS 326 Perspectives on Gender and Disease

1.0-3.0 Fa/Spr

This course explores the physiological mechanisms of disease and resistance, social definitions of disease, and gender-related factors in research, diagnosis, treatment, and adaptation to disease. Diseases are usually studied and described in generic terms without regard to gender; however, it is apparent that substantial differences exist in male and female susceptibility, manifestations, and responses to many diseases; just as significantly, societal responses to disease are clearly influenced by gender issues. These issues are explored, through the perspectives of both natural and social sciences. This is an approved General Education course. This course is also offered as NURS 326. (005637)

MCGS 327 The Politics of Race and Ethnicity in the United States

3.0 Fa/Spr

Analysis of the role of race and ethnicity in the American political process, including a critique of their role in local, state, and national elections. Factors accounting for participation and non-participation will be analyzed. This is an approved US Diversity course. This course is also offered as POLS 327. (000137)

MCGS 328 Multicultural Health

3.0 Fa/Spr

Ethnic groups in the U.S. face many health problems. This course focuses on those problems which affect the four largest ethnic groups in the U.S.: African Americans, Hispanic Americans, American Indians, and Asian Americans. The effects of history, health beliefs and practices, and socioeconomic status on the health of these ethnic populations are addressed. Current and potential strategies to improve health care delivery to these groups are explored. This is an approved US Diversity course. This course is also offered as HCSV 328. (004448)

MCGS 330 Sociology of Gender

3.0 Inq

This course examines gender as a social construct and its influences on men and women in families, school, work, politics, and culture. The focus is on how gender varies in relation to ethnicity, race, sexuality, and social class. This course is also offered as SOCI 330. (005639)
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MCGS 463: American Multicultural Literature
A study of American ethnic and multicultural literature, popular culture, and critical theory. This course is also offered as ENGL 463. (003576)
A historical survey from the African heritage and Colonial times to the present. The types, forms, and styles of African American music are studied in relation to the African American experience. This is an approved General Education course. This is an approved US Diversity course. This course is also offered as MUSC 296. (000141)

**AFAM 355** The Sociology of African Americans 3.0 Inquire

Prerequisites: AFAM 170 or SOCI 100.

This course examines the historical and social experiences that have shaped contemporary African American life, such as slavery, exploitation, oppression, and resistance (for example, the Civil Rights movement, the Black Power movement, and Hip Hop). Strategies for researching African American experiences are learned through analysis of Black popular culture, male/female relationships, urbanization, religion, and institutional racism. This course is also offered as SOCI 355. (000140)

**American Indian Studies Course Offerings**

**AIST 170** Introduction to American Indian Studies 3.0 Fa/Spr

Introduction to socio-cultural development of the American Indian in modern times and the background for present-day conditions. Attention given to contemporary Indian affairs and problems. This is an approved General Education course. This is an approved US Diversity course. (000175)

**AIST 230** The American Indian 3.0 Fa/Spr

A history of the Indian in North America, development of Indian culture, Indian-white relations, the disruption of the Indian way of life, wars, assimilation, and Indian culture in a Caucasian world. This is an approved General Education course. This is an approved US Diversity course. This course is also offered as HIST 230. (000382)

**AIST 252** American Indian Literature 3.0 Fa/Spr

Study of the oral and written literature of the American Indian and of related historical and critical materials. This is an approved General Education course. This is an approved US Diversity course. This course is also offered as ENGL 252. (000377)

**AIST 261** North American Indians 3.0 Fa/Spr

Survey of Native North America with emphasis on U.S. tribes, their cultures, rituals, and institutions. Brief examination of pre-history. The focus is on historical and contemporary people. This is an approved General Education course. This is an approved US Diversity course. This course is also offered as ANTH 261. (000383)

**AIST 271** Issues in American Indian Education 3.0 Fa/Spr

Historical development of traditional American Indian tribal education and its gradual replacement with European-American educational systems up to and including modern times. This is an approved US Diversity course. (000385)

**AIST 325** Worldviews of American Indians 3.0 Inquire

A description and analysis of selected American Indian religions and philosophies of American Indian peoples of North America. The course will emphasize the religious and cultural relationships depicted in ceremonies, music, literature, and oral traditions. This is an approved US Diversity course. This course is also offered as RELS 325. (000384)

**AIST 362** California Indians 3.0 Fall

Native peoples of California, their origin, prehistory, languages, culture, and interaction with Europeans. Selected case studies, with special emphasis on the local area. This is an approved US Diversity course. This course is also offered as ANTH 362. (000519)

**AIST 457** American Indian/Federal Law 3.0 Fall

Prerequisites: Faculty permission.

This course in Indian/Federal law examines 200 years of legal relationships of tribes with the Federal government, state government, and with tribal members. It has its origins in constitutional law, and is the only body of law directly relating to a single group or minority in this country. We will examine and analyze the practical application of these laws as they apply to the legal rights of tribes and the states in which the tribes reside. This course is also offered as POLS 457. (000393)

**Asian American Studies Course Offerings**

**AAST 152** Introduction to the Asian American Experience 3.0 Inquire

This course examines the Asian experience in the U.S. over the last 150 years by focusing on the experiences of different Asian ethnic groups. The focus is on early arrival and settlement, and contemporary issues in Asian American communities, including immigration, racism, and Asian American identity. This is an approved General Education course. This is an approved US Diversity course. This course is also offered as SOCI 152. (00003)

**AAST 253** Asian American Literature 3.0 Fa/Spr

An introduction to various traditions and issues of the Asian American experience in literature. The course explores both early and contemporary novels, poems, and plays by writers of different genders, ethnicities, and cultures. This is an approved General Education course. This is an approved US Diversity course. This course is also offered as ENGL 253. (00002)

**AAST 300** Asian Studies: Contemporary Social Problems and Prospects 3.0 Fa/Spr

Study of problems and prospects related to Asia. This course includes a series of in-depth analysis of major issues, current problems, and prospects of Asia. Extensive research, writing, and oral presentations are required. This is an approved General Education course. This is an approved Global Cultures course. This course is also offered as AAST 300. (00005)

**AAST 351** Asian American Communities 3.0 Inquire

This course explores how Asian American communities maintain Asian culture, establish North American cultures, and adapt to American society. Immigration and other demographic trends are discussed, as well as ethnic identity, assimilation patterns, and intergenerational relations. This course is also offered as SOCI 351. (00006)

**AAST 370** Asian Immigration: World System Perspective 3.0 Inquire

Examination of Asian immigration to the United States from a world system's perspective. Examines immigration process and the implication of this process for contemporary interest in Pacific Rim. Topics include origins of Asian immigration, major U.S. immigration legislation, demography, structure of contemporary Asian immigration, and cross-cultural comparisons of other world groups. This is an approved US Diversity course. (00008)

**AAST 380** Southeast Asian Americans: Cultures in Transition 3.0 Inquire

An examination of Southeast Asian immigrants to North America. The cultural and historical backgrounds of Southeast Asian peoples (Hmong, Mien, Kampuchean, Vietnamese, etc.) will be discussed. The historical and political forces that stimulated immigration to North America and the subsequent adaptations made by these peoples to North American cultural contexts will be core themes for this course. This is an approved US Diversity course. (00009)

**Chicano Studies Course Offerings**

**CHST 135** Mexican Heritage in the United States 3.0 Fa/Spr

Study of the Mexican-American subculture in the United States after 1848: historical background, migration, cultural patterns, folklore, economic and political objectives. This is an approved General Education course. This is an approved US Diversity course. This course is also offered as HIST 135. (001974)

**CHST 157** Introduction to Chicano Studies 3.0 Fa/Spr

This course explores contemporary issues affecting Chicanas and Chicanos in the United States, including cultural values, social organization, urbanization, gender, and socio-economics. Attention is given to how family, religion, and immigration experiences play upon the lifestyles and values held by Chicanas and Chicanos. This is an approved General Education course. This is an approved US Diversity course. This course is also offered as SOCI 157. (001973)

**CHST 234** Mexican Heritage in the United States Before 1848 3.0 Fall

This course examines the history and heritage of the Mexican people of the present-day Southwestern United States from the fourteenth through the mid-nineteenth centuries. This is an approved General Education course. This is an approved US Diversity course. This course is also offered as HIST 234. (001976)

**CHST 354** Chicano Literature 3.0 Fa/Spr

A study of the Chicano people as reflected in selected films and literature. Reading, discussions, and reports will be in English. This is a service course for non-majors and not elective for a BA degree or minor in Spanish. This is an approved General Education course. This is an approved US Diversity course. This course is also offered as SPAN 354. (001977)
Women’s Studies Course Offerings

WMST 170 Introduction to Women’s Studies 3.0 Fa/Spr
This course explores the impact of cultural beliefs and practices on diverse women’s lives. Readings, films, and lectures analyze women’s challenges, struggles, and accomplishments. This is an approved General Education course. (009621)

WMST 200 Feminist Theory 3.0 Fall
Prerequisites: WMST 170.
An examination of key feminist theories and their applications in feminist research and practice. Readings include historical and contemporary materials. (009638)

WMST 230 Women in Contemporary Societies 3.0 Fall
Taking an in-depth look, this course explores women’s lives in today’s world across categories of class, race, ethnicity, sexuality, disability, and age. Students also discuss such topics as gender, body politics, violence against women, poverty, religion, and power as they relate to women. Special attention is given to social activism and emerging policies here in the U.S. and elsewhere. This is an approved General Education course. (009628)

WMST 311 Women, Men, and the Media 3.0 Spring
The purpose of this course is to educate students to be informed consumers of media, to examine actual portrayals of women in the various media, and to explore how the media industry treats women. These objectives will result in a raised awareness of how both sexes can participate equally in the world around them. This is an approved General Education course. This course is also offered as JOUR 311. (005347)

WMST 324 Women and Politics 3.0 Fa/Spr
Analysis of the roles of women in politics; volunteer, candidate, elected official. Considers politics of the women’s movement and women’s issues. This is an approved General Education course. This course is also offered as POLS 324. (007491)

WMST 326 Modern European Women’s History 3.0 Spring
This course explores major themes and developments in the social and cultural history of European women from the 1700s to the present, including changing gender roles, attitudes toward sexuality, reproduction, and the family. In particular, the course examines women’s struggle to define themselves and their roles in society and their impact on the social identities of men. This course is also offered as HIST 326. (004531)