

**"Looking at the past must only be a means of understanding more clearly what and who we are so that we can more wisely build the future."**

*~Paulo Freire*



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## K-12 Ethnic Studies Teaching

Interdisciplinary  
Certificate Program  
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# K-12 Ethnic Studies Teaching

Driven by student activism, it was just over 50 years ago that the field of Ethnic Studies emerged at U.S. colleges and universities.

Today, in response to the challenges that racism and discrimination continue to pose, schools and school districts at the K-12 level across California and the nation are beginning to embrace the value, importance, and promise of ethnic studies as an essential part of education for a pluralistic American future.

## OUR CERTIFICATE

The K-12 Ethnic Studies Teaching certificate program involves faculty expertise from across campus, and a collaborative curriculum built to ensure that students pursuing the certificate will emerge from the program prepared to teach ethnic studies, develop ethnic studies curricula, and competently facilitate educational conversations around race, racism, ethnicity, and diversity, at the K-12 level.



# Why Ethnic Studies Teaching?

## IDEAL FOR FUTURE & CURRENT EDUCATORS

We are committed to preparing K-12 Ethnic Studies leaders!

Whether you are a undergrad interested in education, a future teacher pursuing your credential, or a veteran educator seeking new expertise, the K-12 Ethnic Studies Teaching certificate is an ideal complement to your degree.




Students explore decolonial solutions to social problems in an Ethnic Studies classroom

## GRADUATE & UNDERGRADUATE OFFERINGS

With an array of interesting courses at various levels that overlap with popular majors/degree programs, the certificate is available and open to students at **both** the undergraduate AND graduate level!



New opportunities to teach Ethnic Studies at the K-12 level are opening up in school districts everyday! 

## An Exciting Curriculum

## FLEXIBLE & INTERDISCIPLINARY

The K-12 Ethnic Studies Teaching Certificate requires 12 units of study, exploring:

- Foundations of ethnic studies education
- Deep dives into ethnic studies in the content areas
- Electives tailored to your interests
- A capstone, ethnic studies-specific methods course in decolonial pedagogy

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