

RACE AND ETHNICITY STUDIES

Professors

Associate Professors

Assistant Professors

Staff

Mission Statement:

The minor in Race and Ethnicity Studies provides opportunities for in depth study of the central role race and ethnicity has played and continues to play in American history and society. It intends to make race, ethnicity, and attendant concerns of racism, injustice, and inequality more central to a North Central College education and to the college community, helping to prepare students to live and lead in an increasingly diverse and global world. The minor seeks to accomplish these things not only through the following curriculum, but also through further curriculum development, training sessions for faculty, staff, and students, program initiatives, and a continuous series of special opportunities for reflection and action. Originating as a proposal from a group of concerned faculty, staff, and students named CORE—The Coalition of Race Education—this minor also provides a way to maintain and expand this unique coalition. Though focused on race and ethnicity, the Race and Ethnicities Studies minor also acknowledges the deep and natural connections this focus has with all groups and individuals struggling for equality.

Ethnicity Studies Minor

The minor consists of 18-21 hours to include:

Core: RES 190 – Race and Ethnicity Today

This course focuses on current events and personal narratives regarding race and ethnicity and provides an introduction to basic terms and concepts used in studying these subjects.

RES 300 – Constructing Races and Ethnicities

This course provides an in depth study of critical race theory, how race and ethnicity are and have been constructed, and the impact of these constructions on U.S. and world history, society, and culture.

Electives—Any three or four of the following:

ENG 330 – Multicultural Literatures of North America

HST 249 – African American History

HST 312 – Immigration and U.S. Ethnic Identity

LEV 350 – Ethnic and Religious Conflict Resolution

PSC 313 – Politics of Race, Gender, and Class

REL 225 – Urban Ethics and Religion

SOA 190 – Urban Problems

SOA 280 – Racial and Ethnic Minorities

SOA 421 – Indigenous Peoples and the State

SOA 490 – Criminal Justice in America

Students should take no more than two courses from the same department and may also petition to use one course not on this list if that course has focused substantially on race and ethnicity.

Extracurricular Events and Activities, Internship, Independent Study

Students will be required to participate in a leadership capacity in extracurricular events or activities, or in internships or independent studies that bring them in active contact with race and ethnicity issues in communities outside the college. **1 to 3 credit hours required.** A partial list of suggestions for events and programs follow below.

Other activities of the Minor in Race and Ethnicity Studies

College Programs

Training Initiatives