



University Extension
Professional Studies

MAKE YOUR CLASSROOM A CATALYST FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

Specialized Study Program in Ethnic Studies Education



The need for cultural awareness and racial equity in all levels of schools means now is the time to prepare for teaching with an understanding of how your classroom’s settings can shape students’ race and social relations. Creating a classroom environment that represents diverse perspectives of students, produces culturally competent and global citizens, and celebrates diversity is a commitment to greater social change. Schools need ethnic studies educators who can apply a critical lens to teaching about race, ethnicity, class, gender, and sexual orientation in American society in order for students of color to understand their history and realize their potential.

Learn a general introduction to concepts and issues, or focus specifically on these theories and concepts from a K-12 perspective. Learn about racism, racial inequity, and racial justice initiatives in K-12 schools, including building your racial literacy to understand how racism develops in classrooms. You’ll have a firm grasp of the theory and practice of racism and racial justice to create the kind of scholastic environment that fosters equity and opportunity.

“Research shows that exposure to ethnic studies has had positive impacts for students of color as well as students in general when it comes to understanding, engagement, college interest, and critical thinking.”

Dr. Rita Kohli, Associate Professor, UCR Graduate School of Education

WHAT YOU’LL LEARN

An introduction to race and ethnicity concepts, theories and concepts in racial, class, and gender inequalities within a K-12 context

Racism and racial justice either from a historical perspective or in relation to racial inequity

Pedagogy around the contradictions of knowledge and power in educational institutions

Pedagogy and disparate outcomes with Chicana/o students

 **TOTAL UNITS**
8

 **TUITION**
\$1,365

 **COMPLETION TIME**
3 months

 **FORMAT**
Online



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BENEFITS OF EARNING A CERTIFICATE

There are several reasons why you might be considering continuing your professional development. An upgraded education section on your resume can open the door to a new teaching assignment, or lead to a promotion and a higher salary. Professional development is an excellent way to stay current in rapidly changing topics in the field of education.

There is enormous value in terms of time, financial investment, and personal flexibility while gaining practical training from working professionals in your industry that extends beyond theory and into the real world. Choosing the path that provides you with the right foundation for building community within your classroom is key to becoming that champion for equity and social change.

KEY BENEFITS INCLUDE:

- UC quality curriculum
- Professional endorsements
- Schedule flexibility
- Variety of topics and best instructional practices
- Instruction from expert Ethnic Studies educators
- Aligned with the UCR Graduate School of Education Ethnic Studies Pathway

PAY AS YOU GO



Pay per individual course as you register.

AVERAGE COURSE TUITION

\$595-645 PER (4 UNIT) COURSE

*Learn more about [tuition assistance](#).

CAREER INFORMATION



IN-DEMAND FIELD

Jobs are projected to grow at a rate of 12% over the next 5 years, with new curriculum and legislation on the horizon.



STRONG EARNING POTENTIAL

Median Salary **\$81,586**



VARIETY OF JOBS TO CHOOSE FROM

- K-12 Teacher
- High School Ethnic Studies Teacher
- Community College Educator
- Education Administrator
- Civic and Community Organization Teaching and Leadership Positions



SKILLS FOR SUCCESS

- Oral Expression and Comprehension
- Active Listening
- Problem Sensitivity
- Cultivate Empathy
- Intercultural Competence
- Self Awareness



WHAT YOU WILL DO ON THE JOB

- Incorporate and apply ethnic studies theories, concepts and pedagogies in your K-12 environment including: Racism and racial justice, racial, class and gender inequalities, contradictions of knowledge and power in educational institutions, disparate outcomes with Chicana/o students

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STUDY PLAN

Our certificate programs are designed to be flexible, allowing you the option to take just a few courses or earn the complete certificate. If choosing to complete the certificate, we recommend you get the most out of your experience by following the suggested completion path below.

Required Courses		
2 of the following courses are offered every quarter		
QUARTER		UNITS
1	Introduction to the Study of Race and Ethnicity for K-12 Educators ETST X451	4
	Teaching Ethnic Studies in K-12 Settings EDUC X450.1	4
	Racial Inequality in K-12 Education EDUC X450.2	4
	Implementing Critical Pedagogy in the Classroom EDUC X450.3	4

ARE YOU READY FOR YOUR NEXT STEP?

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