

FOR TRANSFER STUDENTS

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

With an Ethnic Studies degree you will learn how the experiences of Asian Americans, African Americans, Latinos and American Indians are fundamental to a comprehensive understanding of US history, culture, and society. You will discover how the experiences of different racial and ethnic groups are distinct but interrelated. You will analyze the racial and ethnic experience from an interdisciplinary perspective to gain a background in the theories and concepts required to understand and interpret inter- and intra-group relations in the United States.

In common with other liberal arts graduates, those with a degree in ethnic studies will be trained in creative and critical thinking, complex reasoning, and effective communication. In addition, ethnic studies graduates will have cultural competency skills that are highly valued by employers, especially those in sales and service areas. Other occupations that employ many ethnic studies graduates include: teaching, journalism, marketing, community and union organizing, and social work. Ethnic studies graduates also find work in non-profit agencies and federal, state, and local government agencies.

ACADEMIC ADVISING

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS) supports students to graduation using a shared advising system. CLAS students have two academic advisors with whom they should meet regularly to discuss academic and degree progress: a CLAS Academic Advisor and a major/faculty advisor.

For questions related to CU Denver Core Curriculum, CLAS, general graduation requirements, university/college academic policies, or campus resources contact:

CLAS Academic Advising

clas_advising@ucdenver.edu

Visit the CLAS Advising website [here](#)

North Classroom (NC) 1030

303-315-7100

For questions related to major requirements, major course prerequisites, or evaluation of transfer coursework in your major contact:

Dennis Green

dennis.green@ucdenver.edu

Visit the department website [here](#)

Plaza Building (PL) 102 G

303-315-7211

For questions about admission requirements, transfer policies, applying, and the transfer process contact:

Office of Admissions

admissions@ucdenver.edu

Visit the Admissions website [here](#)

Student Commons Building (SCB) 1005

303-315-2601

GENERAL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS & POLICIES

All CU Denver CLAS students are required to complete the following minimum general graduation requirements to be eligible to apply for graduation:

1. Complete a minimum of 120 credit hours
2. Achieve a minimum 2.0 CU cumulative grade point average (GPA)
3. Complete a minimum of 45 upper-division (3000- to 4000-level) credit hours
4. Complete all CU Denver Core, CLAS, and major requirements
5. Complete a minimum of 30 CLAS credit hours with letter grades at CU Denver

*The following are **maximum** credit hours that can apply toward the minimum 120 hours required for graduation:*

- 16 credit hours Pass/Fail
- 12 credit hours of Independent Study/Directed Research
- 12 credit hours of internship credit
- 8 credit hours of physical education credit

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The following program requirements are based on degree requirements for the current Catalog year at CU Denver and are subject to change. Students are responsible for completing degree requirements based on the Catalog year for which they are admitted.

Students are responsible for meeting with the major/faculty advisor in the department to confirm major requirements. In addition to completing all CU Denver Core and CLAS requirements, students completing the Ethnic Studies B.A. Degree are required to complete the following minimum program requirements:

1. Students must complete a minimum of 33 credit hours in ETST coursework.
2. Students must complete a minimum of 16 upper division (3000-level and above) ETST credit hours.
3. Students must earn a minimum grade of C- (1.7) in all major courses taken that apply to the major and must achieve a minimum cumulative major GPA of 2.0. All graded attempts in required and elective courses are calculated in the major GPA. Courses taken using pass/fail grading cannot apply to major requirements.
4. Students must complete 15 ETST credit hours with CU Denver faculty.

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COURSEWORK THAT CAN BE COMPLETED AT PREVIOUS INSTITUTION

The following is a “bucket” of requirements students can complete prior to transferring to CU Denver, including equivalent Colorado Community College System (CCCS) courses. To determine the equivalencies of courses to be completed at non-CU Denver institutions, students can visit www.transferology.com. **It is critical students connect with a CU Denver academic advisor to ensure planned courses will transfer and apply to CU Denver degree requirements.** All non-CU Denver coursework must be completed with a C- or better to be eligible for transfer.

Students interested in completing an Associate (A.A. or A.S.) Degree or a [Colorado Statewide Transfer Articulation Agreement or Degree with Designation \(DWD\)](#) must work with their community/junior college academic advisor to create an academic plan that accounts for all degree or transfer articulation agreement requirements. Colorado Community College Students may also explore the option to complete [Reverse Transfer](#) at CU Denver.

| CU Denver Requirements | CU Denver Credits | CCCS Equivalent Courses & Notes | CCCS Credits |
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| CU Denver Core Curriculum Requirements | 34 - 40 | | |
| ENGL 1020 – Core Composition I | 3 | ENG 1021 | |
| ENGL 2030 – Core Composition II | 3 | ENG 1022 | |
| Mathematics | 3 - 4 | MAT 1260 <i>recommended</i> or GT-MA1 | |
| Arts | 3 | GT-AH | |
| Humanities | 3 | GT-AH or GT-HI | |
| Behavioral Sciences | 3 - 4 | ETH 2000 or GT-SS | |
| Social Sciences | 3 - 4 | GT-SS or GT-HI* | |
| Natural/Physical Science with lab | 4 - 5 | GT-SC1 | |
| Natural/Physical Science without lab or Math | 3 - 5 | GT-SC2 or GT-MA1 (<i>except the course used for Core Math</i>) or GT-SC1 | |
| International Perspectives | 3 | Additional GT-AH, HI, SS* (<i>see note below</i>) | |
| Cultural Diversity | 3 | <i>To be completed at CU Denver. This requirement must be completed with an upper-division course and CCCS courses will not apply.</i> | |
| CLAS Graduation Requirements | 15 - 29 | | |
| CLAS Communicative Skills | 3 | COM 1150 or PHI 1013 | |
| CLAS Second Language | 0 - 10 | e.g., SPA 1012 or ASL 1122 <i>Students have several options to fulfill this requirement. Please consult a CU Denver CLAS Academic Advisor.</i> | |
| CLAS Humanities | 3 | Any transferrable LIT, HIS, HUM, or PHI course | |
| CLAS Behavioral Sciences | 3 - 4 | Any transferrable ANT, COM, or PSY course (<i>except GT-SC courses</i>) | |
| CLAS Social Sciences | 3 - 4 | Any transferrable ECO, ETH, GEO, POS, or SOC course (<i>except GT-SC courses</i>) | |
| CLAS Natural/Physical Science with lab | 3 - 5 | GT-SC1 <i>If students complete only one science course with a lab for the CU Denver Core Curriculum, this course must have an associated lab.</i> | |
| ETST Major Courses | 3 | | |
| ETST 2000 Introduction to Ethnic Studies | 3 | ETH 2000 <i>Course can fulfill CU Denver Core Behavioral Sciences</i> | |
| Minimum Applicable Transfer Credits Recommended: | 60 | <i>Students completing less than 60 applicable transfer credits will have additional credits to complete at CU Denver. Students needing general elective credits should consult a CU Denver CLAS Academic Advisor.</i> | |

***The applicability of Guaranteed Transfer (GT Pathways) courses to specific CU Denver Core Curriculum requirements requires completion of a block of five courses: two GT-AH courses; one GT-HI course; one GT-SS course; and one additional GT-AH, GT-HI, or GT-SS course.**

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SAMPLE PLAN – COURSEWORK TO BE COMPLETED AT CU DENVER

Based on successful completion of 60 applicable transfer credits and the complete “bucket” of requirements outlined above, students would have the following remaining to complete at CU Denver. At CU Denver, students must tailor this plan based on the evaluation of previously completed college coursework (e.g., AP, IB, CLEP, dual/concurrent enrollment, and transfer credit), course availability, individual preferences related to course load, summer term courses, part-time or full-time student status, or add-on programs such as minors or double-majors.

Note: this plan assumes students have completed the CLAS Second Language proficiency requirement. Students must demonstrate second language proficiency through a 2nd semester college-level course equivalent (e.g., SPA 1012 or ASL 1122) with a C- or higher, satisfactory proficiency testing (CU Denver Department of Modern Languages Placement Testing, BYU FLATS, CLEP), or submitting their high school transcript demonstrating completion of a 2nd year (Level II) high school course with a minimum grade of “C-” (1.7) in the 2nd semester of the 2nd year or later. Students may have additional options to fulfill this requirement and should consult a CU Denver CLAS Academic Advisor. **Students who have not fulfilled this requirement must work with a CU Denver CLAS Academic Advisor to modify this plan.**

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| Year Three | Fall | CRS |
| | ETST 2155 ^C | 3 |
| | ETST Elective | 3 |
| | CU Denver Core Cultural Diversity ^M | 3 |
| | General Upper-Division Elective | 3 |
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| | Total Credit Hours | 15 |

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| Spring | CRS |
| ETST 3396 | 3 |
| ETST 3297 | 3 |
| ETST Elective | 3 |
| General Upper-Division Elective | 3 |
| General Upper-Division Elective | 3 |
| Total Credit Hours | 15 |

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| Year Four | Fall | CRS |
| | ETST 3108 | 3 |
| | ETST 4000 | 3 |
| | ETST Upper-Division Elective | 3 |
| | General Upper-Division Elective | 3 |
| | General Elective | 3 |
| | Total Credit Hours | 15 |

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| Spring | CRS |
| ETST 4960 | 3 |
| ETST Upper-Division Elective | 3 |
| General Upper-Division Elective | 3 |
| General Upper-Division Elective | 3 |
| General Elective | 3 |
| Total Credit Hours | 15 |

^M Major Course Available ^C CU Denver Core Course ^{PE} Prerequisite Enforced ^{PR} Prerequisite Recommended