

# AMERICAN STUDIES AND ETHNICITY

This major integrates humanistic and social scientific perspectives to examine the United States, with a particular emphasis on the comparative study of the peoples, cultures, history, and social issues of the Western United States. It also covers critical perspectives on regional, ethnic, class, and gender diversity.

## BACHELOR OF ARTS (BA) GENERAL OVERVIEW

### Three core courses:

- Introduction to American Studies and Ethnicity
- Junior Seminar in American Studies and Ethnicity: Theories and Methods
- Senior Seminar in American Studies and Ethnicity

### Choose one course in each of the following three areas of study:

- History
- Literature and Culture
- Social and Political Issues

### Four upper-division elective courses. Examples Include:

- America, the Frontier, and the New West
- Social Constructions of Race and Citizenship
- Exploring Ethnicity through Film
- Race and Environmentalism
- Ethnic Politics

## ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITIES

**Honors Program:** Students can pursue the honors track and complete directed research with a faculty member. The program helps foster connections with faculty, improve their research and writing skills, and gain self-confidence.

**Junior and Senior Seminars:** All students are required to take seminar courses in which they work closely with internationally recognized faculty to complete substantial projects in the field. These seminars prepare students for graduate work in the field and related research and writing projects in professional schools, such as Law, Business, and Communication.

**Center for Diversity & Democracy:** The CDD works with faculty, students, and community partners to enhance, explore, and develop strong connections between efforts of university-community civic engagement and the diversity of university faculty and students. It is committed to strengthening a diverse set of voices at the university, while enabling a wide variety of community members and organizations to engage the University as equal partners towards equity and social justice.