Race, Ethnicity, and Politics Minor

The U.S. has experienced momentous changes in race relations in the last century. The role of race and ethnicity in the political sphere has become even more complex with large-scale immigration and socioeconomic changes that have fostered multiple and overlapping racial identities, unique policy challenges, and new possibilities of coalition building among racial and ethnic groups. This minor helps students understand contemporary race relations and critically evaluate how race and ethnicity matter in today's politics.

**Requirements**: Five courses (20 units) including one core class, two upper-division courses, and two elective courses. See detailed information below.

*POSC majors* must take four elective requirement courses, three of which must be upper-division courses, for a total of 7 courses (28 units).

**Important**: As with all minors at USC, at least four courses must be unique to the POSC minor and cannot fulfill any other department major or minor requirements. These four courses also cannot fulfill any Dornsife general education requirements, but they may overlap with the Diversity requirement.

For course descriptions, please see the USC Course Catalogue or the USC Schedule of Classes.

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1. **Core Requirement**: POSC 421: Ethnic Politics
2. **Upper Division Requirement**: One course from each of the following two categories:
   1. **Race and Gender in a Global Context**
      - POSC 350: Politics of Latin America
      - POSC 351: Middle East Politics
      - POSC 352: Politics of Southeast Asia
      - POSC 354: Japanese Politics
      - POSC 356: Politics in the People’s Republic of China
      - POSC 358: Politics of Sub-Saharan Africa
      - POSC 430: Political Economy of Mexico
      - POSC 431: Political Economy of Central America
      - POSC 452: Critical Issues in Law and Public Policy
      - POSC 456: Women in International Development
      - POSC 464: Politics of Russia and Eastern Europe
   2. **Comparative Racial Politics**
      - POSC 320: Urban Politics
      - POSC 328: Asian American Politics
      - POSC 424m: Political Participation and American Diversity
      - POSC 427: Black Politics in the American Political System
      - POSC 428: Latino Politics
      - POSC 441m: Cultural Diversity and the Law
      - POSC 442m: The Politics of Human Differences: Diversity and Discrimination
      - POSC 444: Civil and Political Rights and Liberties
3. **Elective Requirement**: One course from each of the following two categories:
   1. **Social and Historical Context**
      - HIST 265gw: Understanding Race and Sex Historically
      - HIST 318: Early American Indian History
      - HIST 341: American Social History
      - HIST 347: Urbanization in the American Experience
      - SOCI 142gm: Diversity and Racial Conflict
      - SOCI 155gm: Immigrant America
      - SOCI 342m: Race Relations
      - SOCI 432m: Racial and Ethnic Relations in a Global Society
   2. **Racial Formation**
      - AMST 301gp: America, the Frontier, and the New West
      - AMST 320: Social Construction of Race and Citizenship
      - AMST 365: Leadership in the Community - Internship
      - AMST 385: African American Culture and Society

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**Questions?**

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