

HUM 111: Introduction to Global Ethnic Studies

Ethnic Studies emerged in the United States in the 1960s and 1970s to address patterns of inequality through education and social justice mobilization. In this course students learn the history of Ethnic Studies, including its relationships to Third World Feminism, global anti-imperialism movements, and other critical approaches to the past and present. Classes focus on multiple media, discussions, lectures, and student presentations. We consider how ethnicity, race, and indigeneity intersect class, gender, disability, and sexuality to create complex and nuanced relations of power. How do ethnic studies approaches help us study migration, popular culture, education, imperialism, war, and peace? Students attain an understanding of core concepts and the growing global turn in ethnic studies. Students hone their communication skills through discussion posts, a midterm presentation, and a final project focused on any ethnic studies topic of interest, anywhere in the world.

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