



CALIFORNIA STATE ETHNIC STUDIES SUMMARY

What is Ethnic Studies?

"Ethnic studies is an interdisciplinary field of study that encompasses many subject areas including history, literature, economics, sociology, anthropology. It emerged to both address content considered missing from the traditional curriculum and to encourage critical engagement. As a field, ethnic studies seeks to empower all students to engage socially and politically and to think critically about the world around them."- Ethnic Studies Model Curriculum (ch. 1, pg. 4)

Why Ethnic Studies?

- Provides an interdisciplinary lens
- Represents diverse perspectives
- Develops a better understanding of others
- Promotes self-empowerment for civic engagement
- Develops interpersonal communication

High School Graduation Requirements

SY 2025-26: LEAs and charters (9-12 grade) must offer one semester of ethnic studies

SY 2029-30: Graduation requirement (one semester of ethnic studies)

- Based on ethnic studies adopted by the state board
- Meets A-G requirements approved by UC/CSU
- Provides credit for ethnic studies (e.g., ELA ethnic studies)
- Prohibits courses that do not use ethnic studies as the Core

California Ethnic Studies Model Curriculum

- Chapter 1: Introduction and Overview
- Chapter 2: District Implementation Guidance
- Chapter 3: Instructional Guidance for K-12 Education
- Chapter 4: Sample Lessons and Topics
- Chapter 5: Lesson Resources
- Chapter 6: UC-Approved Course Outlines

Ethnic Studies High School Graduation Requirement for Instructional Materials: Assembly Bill 101

- Appropriate for use for all scholars, including race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, ethnic background
- Does not promote bias, bigotry, or discrimination against any group
- Does not promote any religious doctrine



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