

ETHNIC SOCIAL STUDIES CERTIFICATE

Total Credits: 18

Catalog Edition: 2025-2026

Program Description

This course of study emphasizes interdisciplinary knowledge about the role of ethnicity in its national and global contexts. The curriculum provides students with the tools to critically analyze the history and politics of race and ethnicity within U.S. society; the formation of cultural knowledge; and the study of power, community, and social justice from an inter-ethnic perspective.

Program Outcomes

Upon completion of this program, a student will be able to:

- Identify and explicate the differences between ethnic groups and the creation and maintenance of ethnic group identities.
- Describe and explain the relationship tensions of ethnic groups within the context of a larger society.
- Identify issues related to the migrant/transnational experience within the U.S. and a global context.
- Apply newly found internalized understanding of these issues to a diverse work situation.
- Challenge stereotypes and promote an understanding of the heterogeneous, complex and fluid nature of ethnic identities.
- Enhance communication with different ethnic groups in the work place and in the community at large.

Program Advisors

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For more information, please visit <https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/academics/programs/ethnic-social-studies/ethnic-social-studies-certificate.html>

To view the Advising Worksheet, please visit <https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/documents/counseling-and-advising/advising-worksheets/current-catalog/241.pdf>

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Program Advising Guide

An Academic Reference Tool for Students

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Program Requirements

A suggested course sequence for full-time students follows. All students should review this advising guide and consult an advisor.

Program Requirements

ANTH 201 - Introduction to Sociocultural Anthropology 3
semester hours

HIST 240 - Civil Rights in America 3 *semester hours*

SOCY 233 - Race and Ethnic Relations 3 *semester hours*

Program Electives

HIST 235 - The History of African Americans to 1865 3
semester hours

HIST 236 - The History of African Americans Since 1865 3
semester hours

HIST 209 - History of Asian Americans 3 *semester hours*

HIST 211 - History of Latinos in the United States 3
semester hours

POLI 230 - Introduction to International Conflict
Resolution 3 *semester hours*

POLI 252 - Race and Ethnicity in U.S. Politics 3 *semester
hours*

SOCY 250 - Globalization Issues 3 *semester hours*

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Transfer Opportunities

Montgomery College has partnerships with multiple four-year institutions and the tools to help you transfer. To learn more, please visit <https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/transfer> or <http://artsys.usmd.edu>.

Get Involved at MC!

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MC Student Clubs and Organizations: <https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/life-at-mc/student-life/>

Related Careers

Some require a Bachelor's degree.

Social and Community Service Manager, Social and Human Service Assistant.

Career Services

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