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The Department of American Ethnic Studies at Kansas State University provides a gateway for students to learn about and gain a greater understanding of the wide variety of American ethnic histories and heritages. Thus, our unit is at the forefront of teaching and research pertaining to race relations, as well as other social structures of inequality. We are poised to build one of the major ethnic studies departments in the nation. We are the only degree program of this kind in the state of Kansas. Ethnic studies are playing a critical social role in the millennial transition to the 21st century. Within this era of major demographic transformation, we are seeing an increased demand for American ethnic studies programs.

American ethnic studies emerged to focus on historically overlooked and underrepresented communities of color, primarily African American, Asian American, Latina/o and Native American populations. Our objectives include:

- Teaching university students to think critically about the multifaceted realities and identities of America's diverse ethnicities.
- Fostering community-based engaged research and activities responsive to the needs and realities of underserved constituencies, including outreach activities in high schools.
- Attracting accomplished ethnic studies faculty, undergraduate and graduate students, and retaining them by providing a supportive environment.
- Highlighting the needs, concerns and knowledge of historically underrepresented people of color in Kansas. We regularly schedule provocative films and speaker events that challenge the status quo.
- Promoting social justice ideals and practices of inclusivity.

A major or minor in American ethnic studies provides a broad liberal arts education with skills in critical thinking, comparative analysis, social theory, data analysis and oral and written communications.

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With best wishes,

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