



Ethnic Studies Taskforce Charter

September 2021

BACKGROUND

In 2020, the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges (ASCCC) adopted resolution [9.03](#) calling for an ethnic studies graduation requirement. The Student Senate for California Community Colleges (SSCCC) similarly adopted resolution [S21.01.05](#) also advocating for an ethnic studies graduation requirement. Additionally, the [California Community Colleges Ethnic Studies Faculty Council](#) (CCCESFC), consisting of 200 ethnic studies faculty from across the California Community Colleges (CCC), advocated for these ethnic studies reforms. There was a clear call from both faculty and students to implement an ethnic studies degree requirement.

ESTABLISHMENT AND AUTHORITY

The Chancellor's Office, in partnership with the California Community Colleges Curriculum Committee (5C), recommended revisions to Title 5, §55063 to incorporate ethnic studies as a minimum requirement for the Associate degree. Additionally, revisions were recommended to streamline the order and flow of this section of regulation. This recommendation went before the Consultation Council on March 18, 2021 for review and was presented to the Board of Governors on May 24, 2021 for a first reading. On July 12, 2021, the Board of Governors unanimously approved this regulatory revision, making an ethnic studies course an Associate degree graduation requirement.

The Chancellor's Office has established a short-term Ethnic Studies Taskforce to discuss and provide recommendations for implementation of this new requirement in the CCC system.

MEMBERSHIP

Voting Members

- Two representatives from the Educational Services and Support Division of the Chancellor's Office
- Two representatives from the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges
- One representative from the California Community Colleges Ethnic Studies Faculty Council
- Four Ethnic Studies faculty from the four core Ethnic Studies disciplines (appointed by the ASCCC)
- One representative from the California Community Colleges Curriculum Committee (5C)
- One student representative and one alternate (appointed by the Student Senate for California Community Colleges)
- One Articulation Officer (appointed by the ASCCC)

- One Admission & Records representative (appointed by the California Association of Community College Registrars and Admissions Officers)
- One Chief Instructional Officer/Vice President of Instruction/Vice President of Academic Affairs (appointed by the California Community Colleges Chief Instructional Officers organization)
- One Chief Student Services Officer/Vice President of Student Services (appointed by the Chief Student Services Officers Association)

Additional Chancellor's Office staff may attend Ethnic Studies Taskforce meetings at the discretion of the Vice Chancellor of Educational Services and Support.

LEADERSHIP

The California Community Colleges Ethnic Studies Taskforce is overseen by the Vice Chancellor of Educational Services and Support and is coordinated by a steering committee which consists of:

- the presiding Vice Chancellor of Educational Services and Support and a designated Dean of Educational Services and Support,
- the President and Vice President of ASCCC, and
- the co-chairs of the CCC Ethnic Studies Faculty Council.

PURPOSE AND RESPONSIBILITY

The purpose of the Ethnic Studies Taskforce is to support the implementation of the new revisions to title 5, section 55063. The Ethnic Studies Taskforce will coordinate with the Chancellor's Office to provide guidance and implementation support for the new Ethnic Studies course requirement.

The goals of the Ethnic Studies Taskforce are as follows:

- To determine an implementation date for the new requirement
- To determine if and how to establish a unified definition of Ethnic Studies and/or core competencies for the California Community Colleges
- To help coordinate professional development and technical assistance for CCCs to ensure ethnic studies is implemented with fidelity to the discipline
- To coordinate with CSU for intersegmental alignment

DECISION MAKING AND RECOMMENDATIONS

A quorum is more than 50% of the voting members present in person or by teleconference. Vacancies do not count toward the determination of the quorum. The Ethnic Studies Taskforce shall make every effort to reach consensus when making recommendations. If consensus is not reached, then recommendations shall be made by simple majority vote of the voting membership present.