

ETHNIC STUDIES 11 AC:  
INTRODUCTION TO ETHNIC STUDIES

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Discussion Section 104: Thursday 12:00PM-1:00PM PST  
<https://berkeley.zoom.us/j/93494836672>  
Office hours: Tuesday 2:00-4:00PM PST or by appointment  
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DISCUSSION SECTION DESCRIPTION

Welcome! Our section will follow the course syllabus for Ethnic Studies 11 AC. We will deepen our understanding of the field of Ethnic Studies through critical engagement with course material. Section attendance and participation is worth 25% toward your final grade in the course. Each meeting, we will review the readings and lectures from the previous week on the course syllabus.

Please let me know as soon as possible if you have any issues with attendance and participation. I welcome feedback on how to improve student learning.

EXPECTATIONS AND POLICIES (copied from course syllabus)

Late Policy

Completing your assignments on time is the best way to stay on pace with the class, to digest the material and process it into a meaningful assessment of what you have learned. However, we understand these are challenging times. Therefore, we have devised a late policy intended to allow some flexibility while keeping you on track—we encourage you to use it wisely. Each student will have three free passes where they can submit material 72 hours late without penalty. These can be used for any of the 10 assignments: two individual essays; six entries due to the collaborative notebook; a collective brief; and a final take-home exam. Any requests for extensions beyond that will require you to contact your GSI and cc your professors but you must make contact before the 72-hour window.

The 15-Minute Rule

Since our synchronous sessions rely on broadcast technology that can fail (e.g., wifi failure, rolling blackouts, Zoom crashing, etc.), the 15-minute rule applies. If the Zoom session does not begin within 15 minutes of the start time, then you can assume that there has been a failure somewhere in the technology link and that there will not be a live session that day. Similarly, if the broadcast drops in the middle of a session and it does

not resume within 15 minutes, consider the session to be finished for the day. In either case a video will be made and posted as soon as technology permits.

#### CONTACTING THE GSI

All questions about course content (e.g., homework assignments, lecture concepts, due dates) should be asked during section so that all students can benefit.

- Email is best used for questions that relate to your personal circumstances and aren't addressed in the syllabus. I am to respond to email within 48 hours.