To be adopted:

Proposed Changes to B.A. Degree in Ethnic Studies

**PRESENT:**
The major requirements for the Bachelor of Arts degree in Ethnic Studies are as follows:

**PROPOSED:**
The major requirements for the Bachelor of Arts degree in Ethnic Studies are as follows:

Core courses required of all majors

1. Lower-division requirements (8 units)
   a) ETST 001
   b) One course chosen from ETST 002, ETST 003, ETST 005, or ETST 007

2. Upper-division requirements (48 units)
   a) ETST 100, ETST 131, ETST 191R
   b) A minimum of two courses chosen from ETST 104, ETST 106, ETST 109-I, ETST 125, ETST 129, ETST 133, ETST 157, ETST 158
   c) Twenty (20) additional upper-division units in Ethnic Studies chosen from the following four areas of emphasis:
      (1) African American Studies
      (2) Asian American Studies
      (3) Chicano Studies
      (4) Native American Studies
   d) A minimum of two courses chosen from Ethnic Studies courses that are comparative in nature

**Note**: No internship courses may be counted toward the upper-division electives in Ethnic Studies.

**Justification:**
Increase in lower-division requirements prepare students for upper-division comparative courses. Addition of two-part theory courses provide a rigorous, critical overview of the historical development of race, racial ideology, and racism, preparing students for graduate school and advanced study. Rearrangement of required upper-division courses increases breadth, requiring students to take courses from at least two of the four core areas, thereby providing a more balanced and comparative curriculum that is not overly concentrated on one group.

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