To be adopted: Proposed Changes to the Minor in Ethnic Studies

PRESENT:

The Ethnic Studies minor consists of 4 lower-division units, 20 upper-division units, and appropriate prerequisites as needed:

1. Lower-division requirements (4 units):
   ETST 001

2. Upper-division requirements (20 units)
   a) ETST 100, ETST 131, ETST 191R
   b) Eight (8) additional upper-division units in Ethnic Studies courses that are either comparative in nature or focus on African Americans, Asian Americans, Chicanos, or Native Americans (courses must be approved by Ethnic Studies Advisor)

PROPOSED:

The Ethnic Studies minor consists of 4 lower-division units, 20 upper-division units, and appropriate prerequisites as needed:

1. Lower-division requirements (4 units):
   ETST 001

2. Upper-division requirements (20 units)
   a) ETST 100, ETST 131
   b) Twelve (12) additional upper-division units in Ethnic Studies courses that are either comparative in nature or focus on African Americans, Asian Americans, Chicanos, or Native Americans (courses must be approved by Ethnic Studies Advisor)

JUSTIFICATION:

ETST191R: Research Methodology is currently oversubscribed with enrollments of 50-70 students. The course can only be taught effectively with smaller enrollment. It is an essential course for the major, but not for the minor. The additional upper-division units in Ethnic Studies chosen from courses focusing on African Americans, Asian Americans, Chicanos, or Native Americans has been increased by four units to maintain the consistency in the overall total required units for the minors offered through the Department of Ethnic Studies.

APPROVALS:

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