PhD Program in Comparative Ethnic Studies

The Department of Ethnic Studies at the University of Colorado Boulder is pleased to announce a graduate program leading to a Ph.D. in Comparative Ethnic Studies. This innovative and streamlined program is designed to provide students with broad training that enables them to research and analyze the intersectional and relational workings of race, ethnicity, gender, class, and sexuality in national and transnational contexts. It provides flexibility for students to pursue their individual research interests, while ensuring that they are grounded in both the foundational and cutting-edge theories in ethnic studies.

Our department is dedicated to interrogating the relational nature of race and its attendant categories, particularly gender and sexuality, using frameworks that account for the increasingly transnational ways that these categories are constructed, resisted, and inhabited. However, we believe that rigorous comparative and relational analyses can only grow out of deep groundings in the particular areas of Africana, Asian American, Chicana and Chicano, and Native American/Indigenous studies. Methodologically and theoretically, our faculty members possess training and expertise in interdisciplinary fields including ethnic studies, women’s and gender studies, cultural studies, literary and film studies, border studies, and American studies, as well as traditional disciplines including anthropology, history, philosophy and sociology.

We seek students who are driven to pursue projects that advance the field of ethnic studies, are motivated to map out individualized courses of study, and have demonstrated abilities to comprehend and apply theories, conduct original research, analyze data, and write effectively. Applicants must hold a Masters degree in ethnic studies or a related field (examples include areas such as American studies, sociology, literature or history) by the time of their enrollment. Financial support will be available in the form of teaching assistantships and fellowships for especially qualified applicants. Applications are due on December 15, 2015. For more information, please visit our website: http://ethnicstudies.colorado.edu.

Application Deadline: December 15