Amendments to Title 5: Ethnic Studies

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Ethnic Studies

§ 40405.1. California State University General Education – Breadth Requirements

(6) A minimum of 3 semester units or 4 quarter units at the lower-division in study designed to understand ethnic studies and social justice.
Preparing for Fall 2021

Progress Update

- Stakeholder meetings
- Draft CSU policy shared for feedback
- Core competencies developed by the Ethnic Studies Council, endorsed by the Academic Senate and accepted by the CSUCO
- Ethnic Studies website launched

Meeting the Spirit and Letter of AB 1460

- “…special focus on four historically defined racialized core groups…”
- “…become a general education requirement throughout the California State University system.”
- “Commencing with the 2021-22 academic year…shall provide for courses in ethnic studies at each of its campuses.”
Creating a Pathway for All Students

The Need for a GE Requirement

• “…a general education curriculum is a reflection of what an institution values”
• Creates clarity and consistency for all students
• Follows precedent of systemwide requirements placed in general education
• Appropriately placed in lower division as a requirement intended for introduction to Ethnic Studies

Key Milestones

Legislation: AB 1460
Education Code: 89032
Title 5: §40405.1 (Trustees)
CSU Policy: DRAFT status (Chancellor’s Office)
Campus Policy: Revise policies and review courses (CSU campuses)