



Academic Program Review Committee Update

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I. Social Justice Studies/Ethnic Studies Program Review

- a. In AY 2018-2019, the Ethnic Studies AA was housed under Social Justice Studies. The current catalog lists both programs under “Social Justice Studies/Ethnic Studies” (see pages 337-8).
- b. Catalog info for Ethnic Studies is outdated as many of the required and elective courses in the Ethnic Studies AA have been discontinued and/or renumbered.
 1. SOCS 022, SOC 030, SOCS 053, and SOC 025
- c. Since the Ethnic Studies AA is still an option for students, *the entire program needs its own Academic Program Review and the AA needs to be updated.* However, ***neither Social Justice Studies nor Ethnic Studies has any FT dedicated faculty to do this work.*** Classes in Social Justice Studies are almost exclusively taught by adjunct faculty, and currently there is no Ethnic Studies department at SCC.
- d. Departments with at least one (1) course offered in the Ethnic Studies AA: Art, Music, Counseling, History, Political Science, Sociology, Anthropology, English, Human Services, Psychology, Spanish, and Theater. Are any of these departments able act as stewards of the Ethnic Studies program?

II. Future of Ethnic Studies at Solano College

- a. AB 1460 – in August of 2020, Governor Newsom signed AB 1460 into law, which requires all CSU students to take a course in ethnic studies (ES) as part of their GE (GE Area F). The new ES requirement is being placed in the lower-division, and all CSUs must offer lower-division ES courses, from an ES department, by Fall 2021.
- b. Also beginning Fall 2021, California Community Colleges must offer courses that meet the GE Area F requirement. **NOTE: Social Justice Studies courses DO NOT meet this requirement.**
- c. AB 1460 defines ethnic studies as “...the interdisciplinary and comparative study of race and ethnicity with special focus on four historically defined racialized core groups: Native Americans, African Americans, Asian Americans, and Latina/o Americans.”
- d. ***What is SCC’s commitment to ethnic studies?***