

INTERDISCIPLINARY GRADUATE EMPHASIS IN BLACK STUDIES

<http://www.blackstudies.ucsb.edu/programs/graduate>

University of California, Santa Barbara

Student Name: _____ Perm: _____

EMPHASIS IN BLACK STUDIES – 2022-23

Applicants must first be admitted to, or currently enrolled in, a UCSB Ph.D. program participating in the Black Studies graduate emphasis: Chicana and Chicano Studies, Communication, Education, English, Feminist Studies, Global Studies, History, Linguistics, Political Science, and Sociology. Candidates pursuing the Black Studies Emphasis must also fulfill the departmental and University requirements related to their degree program. Applications to the Black Studies Doctoral Emphasis may be submitted at any stage of the Ph.D. work and applications will be accepted throughout the year.

The Black Studies Emphasis (BSE) represents an unparalleled asset in the production of 21st century interdisciplinary scholars. Forty years ago, the University of California at Santa Barbara launched a program devoted to the research, study, and teaching of Black Studies after several African American students seized control of the computer center on campus late in 1968 and demanded systemic change in the curriculum of the university. In the decades that followed, numerous struggles no less difficult have been waged to preserve, expand, and solidify a freestanding Department of Black Studies.

Black Studies as an inter-departmental set of conversations and intellectual questions supports a multifaceted undergraduate curriculum at UCSB. Today, Black Studies is acclaimed by students as one of the best teaching departments on campus, with a solid roster of world-renowned scholars who teach, research, and serve the intellectual and policy interests of Black people around the world. Doctoral emphasis students are encouraged to apply for Black Studies Teaching Assistantships as part of their training.

CORE COURSES – BSE gains its distinct identity by focusing on four broad areas of inquiry: Race Studies, including local, national, and transnational regimes; Black Studies traditions of criticality, activism, social justice, and transgressive epistemology; African Culture and Identity in America and throughout the Diaspora; Comparative Ethnic Studies.

COURSE #	COURSE NAME	UNITS	GRADE
BLST 206	Graduate Proseminar	4.0	
BLST 208	Issues in Black Studies Epistemology and Pedagogy	4.0	

TOPICS COURSES – Students must complete two topics courses selected from an approved list of courses in participating departments other than their home department. One of these courses should also be outside of the Black Studies Department. A student may petition for a 200-500 level course not yet listed to substitute for the topics course. Such courses may be pre-approved by emailing the course description and syllabus to the chair of the BSE Steering Committee.

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DISSERTATION PREP SEMINAR – Typically taken after advancement to candidacy, BSE students will discuss their dissertation proposals and other dissertation-related work-in-progress for critical feedback.

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BLST 599	Ph.D. Dissertation Research and Preparation		

VERIFICATION OF COMPLETION
EMPHASIS REQUIREMENTS SATISFIED (DATE): _____
EMPHASIS DIRECTOR SIGNATURE: _____
PRINT NAME: _____