

Dear Campus Community,

As the Ethnic Studies Department, we are coordinating the flow of information about AB 1460 to ensure that the information is clear, timely, and inclusive. We have received a draft Executive Order from the Chancellor's Office on 10/8/2020 outlining their proposed implementation plan. The Academic Senate at Sacramento State is in receipt of a resolution requesting the Chancellor's Office to rescind proposed changes to Title 5 and revise the timeline. The text of AB 1460 can be found at: https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB1460
The Chancellor's Proposal

<https://www2.calstate.edu/impact-of-the-csu/diversity/advancement-of-ethnic-studies>

Please see below a quick comparison of the Chancellor's Proposal and the Sacramento State Senate Resolution.

CHANCELLOR'S PROPOSAL (per FAQ's, 9/15/20)	SACRAMENTO STATE PROPOSED SENATE RESOLUTION
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chancellor's Office proposed to the CSU Board of Trustees a new General Education Area F of Ethnic Studies and Social Justice and a simultaneous reduction of Area D by 3 units • Chancellor's Office requires campuses to implement the new General Education requirement, "Area F," mandating that the ethnic studies requirement be lower division (Sept. 10, 2020 memo) • Chancellor's Office specifies a very tight timeline (Sept. 10, 2020 memo) <p>IMPLICATIONS OF CO PROPOSAL</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Enacts a narrow interpretation of the legislation by placing additional constraints. 2. Reduction of 3 Units in Area D 3. Places requirement in lower division GE 4. Impacts programs by a reduction in area D requirements 5. Requires additional work by Curricular Committees by placing it in GE for their review and processing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AB-1460 does not specify the ethnic studies course be lower- or upper-division or in GE. Academic Senate asks • The Department of Ethnic Studies opposes placing the requirement exclusively in lower division and into GE • The Sacramento State proposed Senate Resolution requests the Chancellor's Office to rescind Title 5 July 2020 changes and revise timeline to allow for a thoughtful collaborative implementation. <p>IMPLICATIONS OF PROPOSED SENATE RESOLUTION</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Enacts a broader interpretation of the legislation by placing no additional constraints 2. Selected courses in the Department of Ethnic Studies satisfying this requirement are dispersed throughout lower- and upper-division classes with ETHN prefix 3. Reduces the impact to General Education 4. Does not necessarily require GE curriculum review for the graduation requirement 5. Gives students flexibility in meeting the ethnic studies requirement with either lower- or upper division courses with ETHN prefix 6. Supports maintaining supervenience to provide student flexibility to fulfill GE requirements.

We respectfully ask that all support the Sacramento State resolution.

Resolutions similar to this have already passed at CSU Northridge, CSU San Marcos, Cal Poly Pomona, Humboldt State, and San Francisco State with several other campuses in the process.

We would like to thank CSU Northridge and CSU San Marcos for a framework base for this document.