Welcome to Fall 2020 semester!

My name is Dr. Elvia Ramirez, and I am the new Program Director for the Chicanx/Latinx Studies Program in the Department of Ethnic Studies. In this role, I provide academic advising to students who: (a) major in Ethnic Studies and declare a concentration in Chicanx/Latinx Studies, and (b) minor in Chicanx/Latinx Studies. I am excited about my new role and look forward to helping students achieve their educational goals.

The purpose of this newsletter is to disseminate information about Chicanx/Latinx Studies to students and to the broader community. In this inaugural issue of Noticias y Más (News & More), you will find information about AB 1460, student clubs at Sac State, faculty in Chicanx/Latinx Studies, academic advising resources, and COVID-19 resources for students.

As you may know by now, most classes during Fall 2020 semester will be delivered entirely online. Online classes can be taught synchronously (i.e. in real time), asynchronously (i.e. without real-time interaction), or in a ‘hybrid’ format (i.e. synchronous meetings + asynchronous instruction). If you have questions about the format of your online classes, please be sure to reach out to the course instructor.

Best wishes for a successful Fall 2020 semester!

Dr. Elvia Ramirez
News and Updates

AB 1460

On August 17, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom signed AB 1460 into law! AB 1460, a bill authored by Assemblymember Shirley Weber and sponsored by the California Faculty Association, makes Ethnic Studies a graduation requirement for students in the California State University (CSU) system. Beginning in the 2021-22 academic year, the CSU system is required to provide Ethnic Studies courses at each of its campuses. Additionally, beginning with students graduating in the 2024-25 academic year, the CSU will require (as an undergraduate graduation requirement) the completion of a 3-unit course in Ethnic Studies. The new graduation requirement will not result in an increase in the number of units required to graduate from a CSU campus.

This is a big win for Ethnic Studies! A hearty congrats to all Ethnic Studies advocates and allies!

Fall 2020 Chicanx/Latinx classes

ETHN 30: Introduction to Chicano/Latino Studies
  Section #01: TR 10:30-11:45am
  Section #02: MW 12:00-12:50pm (F online)

ETHN 130: Chicano/Mexican American Experience
  Section #01: W 4:00-6:50pm

ETHN 131: La Raza Studies
  Section #01: Online (asynchronous)
  Section #02: MWF 9:00-9:50am
  Section #03: Online (asynchronous)

ETHN 132: La Mujer Chicana
  Section #01: MW 2:00-2:50pm (F online)
  Section #02: Online (asynchronous)

ETHN 136: U.S. Mexican Border Relations
  Section #01: MW 3:00-3:50pm (F online)

ETHN 137: Race & Ethnicity in Latin America/Caribbean
  Section #01: TR 12:00-1:15pm

Ethnic Studies student Ricardo Grijalva speaking in support of AB 1460 at the Faculty Senate meeting on March 5, 2020.

Important Dates

August 31, 2020....................Instruction Begins
September 7, 2020...............Labor Day (Campus Closed)
September 14-25, 2020.......Fall 2020 Late Registration & Change of Schedule
October 12, 2020.....................Indigenous People’s Day
November 11, 2020..............Veteran’s Day (Campus Closed)
November 26-27, 2020...........Thanksgiving Holiday (Campus Closed)
December 11, 2020...............Last Day of Instruction
December 14-18, 2020...........Finals Week
Student Clubs at Sac State

Chicanx/Latinx Student Clubs

*Organization Spotlight*

- Alpha Psi Lambda (fraternity)
- Ballet Folklorico
- Brown Issues
- Central Americans For Empowerment
- Chicanos/Latinos in Health Education
- Club de Español
- College Assistance Migrant Program Organization of Students
- Epsilon Sigma Rho (fraternity)
- Gamma Zeta Alpha (fraternity)
- Kappa Delta Chi (sorority)
- Lambda ThetaPhi (fraternity)
- Lambda Sigma Gamma (sorority)
- Lambda Theta Alpha (sorority)
- Lambda Theta Nu (sorority)
- Latinx Leadership Council
- Latinx Scholars Association
- Lead, Empower, and Achieve with Determination
- Mujeres Ayudando La Raza
- Nu Alpha Kappa (fraternity)
- Puente Club
- SACNAS Chapter
- Salsa Loca
- Sigma Omega Nu (sorority)
- Sigma Pi Alpha (sorority)
- Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers

Central Americans for Empowerment

(CAFÉ’s) purpose is to amplify the voices of those who identify as Central American in an effort to increase visibility and representation within the LATINX community at Sacramento State University. In addition, we seek to provide a space where we can build community and discuss some of the pressing social issues facing the Central American region.

CAFÉ is currently working on strengthening our club and recruiting members for this school year. We are reaching out to students, faculty, and staff that are interested in joining our cause and bringing awareness.

Allies are welcome!

If you are interested in joining CAFÉ please reach out to us at cafeatcsus@gmail.com.

For a complete list of student clubs at Sac State, see the Student Organizations & Leadership (SO&L) website at:

https://www.csus.edu/student-life/student-organizations/
Faculty Spotlight

Dr. Nancy Huante-Tzintzun

I was born in Michoacán, Mexico and raised in Stockton, CA. My work is driven by my lived experiences and fueled by projects rooted in social justice. I was the first in my family to attend college and obtain a Ph.D. I have a B.A. in Ethnic Studies from Sacramento State, an M.A. in Chicana/o/x Studies from San Diego State, and a Ph.D. in Education, Culture, and Society from the University of Utah. Although my parents did not go to college, they constantly understood and believed in the transformative power of education. These degrees and level of experience are a result of the education I received at home and the support provided by a community of educators along my educational journey.

As a mother, I try to pass down that same love and educación I received down to my daughters in hopes they continue to build and create opportunities to engage with justice work for future generations. Professionally, as an Ethnic Studies instructor at Sac State and the Co-Director at Nopal: Community, Culture, Activism, and Education, I amplify and build on social movements that center social justice, civic engagement, community-based research, and youth-led projects. I am particularly interested in research and teaching practices that invite students to story-tell, platicar (dialogue) and testimoniar (tell their testimony). I love the opportunity to listen and learn from students’ lived experience in connection to their education journey and Ethnic Studies. Lastly, I am excited to share the work of Chicana feminists and other women of color who inspired me to make sense of my lived experience. There is such a long list of muxeres chingonas that throughout time have shared their love and light in the spirit of justice and so every work opportunity I have I make sure to include their work. As a Chicana scholar-activist and community organizer in Stockton, I find joy and purpose through multiple disciplines to represent my background and the people I love in everything I do.

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Dr. Elvia Ramirez, Professor / Program Director (eramirez@csus.edu)
Dr. Maria Vargas, Assistant Professor (vargas@csus.edu)
# Academic Advising Resources

**Academic Advising Center**
Lassen Hall, Room 1013  
M-F, 8am-5pm  
(916) 278-6231  
advising@csus.edu  
https://www.csus.edu/student-life/academic-advising/

The Academic Advising Centers offers freshman and transfer orientation and advising, as well as General Education (GE) and graduation requirements advising for all students.

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| Amador Hall, Room 452A  
M-F, 8am-4:30pm  
(916) 278-3846  
ssis_studentsuccess@csus.edu  
https://www.csus.edu/college/social-sciences-interdisciplinary-studies/student-success-center/ |

The College of SSIS Student Success Center provides students with General Education (GE) and graduation requirements advising to students majoring in a College of SSIS program (e.g., Ethnic Studies).

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| Office of University Registrar  
Lassen Hall, 2000  
registrar@csus.edu  
https://www.csus.edu/student-life/records-transcripts/graduation-advising/ |

The Graduation & Degree Advising Office reviews the courses that you have completed and determines the official status of your progress toward graduation. The Degree Advisor Liaison for Ethnic Studies majors is Joanna Sampanis (sampanisj@csus.edu).

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All undergraduate students with a declared major must receive major advising at least once a year. Students should meet regularly with an advisor in their academic department/area and with a GE advisor. (see Undergraduate Academic Advising Policy at: [https://www.csus.edu/umanual/acadaff/aca-100.htm](https://www.csus.edu/umanual/acadaff/aca-100.htm))
COVID-19 Resources for Students

Division of Student Affairs – Coronavirus Information for Students

- [https://www.csus.edu/student-affairs/emergency-student-information/](https://www.csus.edu/student-affairs/emergency-student-information/)

HEERF Emergency Grants


Basic Needs Resources (e.g., housing, food, clothing, shelter, financial insecurity)

- [https://www.csus.edu/student-affairs/crisis-assistance-resource-education-support/resources.html](https://www.csus.edu/student-affairs/crisis-assistance-resource-education-support/resources.html)

Crisis Assistance & Resource Education Support (CARES)


Student Health & Counseling Services

- [https://www.csus.edu/student-life/health-counseling/counseling/](https://www.csus.edu/student-life/health-counseling/counseling/)

Remote learning for Students

- [https://www.csus.edu/information-resources-technology/remote-learning/](https://www.csus.edu/information-resources-technology/remote-learning/)

Disaster Relief Assistance for Immigrants

- [https://www.cdss.ca.gov/inforources/immigration/covid-19-drai#FAQs](https://www.cdss.ca.gov/inforources/immigration/covid-19-drai#FAQs)