

THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT ASHEVILLE  
FACULTY SENATE

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Statement of Faculty Senate Action:

**APC Document 55 (IST):                    Add new course, ETHN 100, Introduction to U.S. Ethnic Studies**

**Effective Date: Fall 2015**

**1. Add:**    On page 186, new course, ETHN 100:

**100      Introduction to U.S. Ethnic Studies (4)**

An interdisciplinary introduction to the experiences of various ethnicities in the United States. Using a thematic approach, this course examines such areas as power and politics, culture and identity, and history and social movements in order to conceptualize the experiences of various ethnicities within the United States and the larger global sphere. This course engages critical race theory to highlight connections and differences across racial and cultural lines. Offered every year.

**Impact:** Initially this course will be offered once each year. Given this, the impact of offering this course on faculty resources should be limited to the hiring of one adjunct each time the course is taught by a faculty member who won't be teaching a course that must be offered. Several faculty members from across campus have explicitly expressed interest in teaching such a course. It would function similarly to courses in the Humanities Program or, to give a more parallel example, WGSS 100, in that it would be taught by interested faculty from various departments.

**Rationale:** This course (as the only universal requirement of the minor) would provide an important framework in the interest of creating a comprehensive program of study for students minoring in U.S. Ethnic Studies. As an introductory course for the minor, it would lay theoretical and historical foundations so that students can approach their other minor courses with a critical understanding of the dynamic and complex nature of race and ethnicity in the United States.