

**MASTER OF ARTS IN ETHNIC STUDIES  
COLLEGE OF ETHNIC STUDIES  
SAN FRANCISCO STATE UNIVERSITY**

**APPLICATION FORM COVER SHEET**

**DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 1**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Soc. Sec. No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

RESEARCH INTEREST AREA [CHECK ONE]:

African Americans       Asian Americans       Pan-ethnic/comparative

American Indians       Latina/Latino Americans

List all undergraduate universities or colleges attended:

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**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

Please provide responses to each of the following statements. In your narrative, copy each of the numbered statements and follow it with your response. Please be as complete and detailed in your answers to assist the Admissions Committee in its evaluation. The statement of purpose should have a word count of approximately 2,000 to 4,000 words.

1. Why are you applying to the Master's Program in Ethnic Studies?  
Include information on your particular research interest area.
2. Explain how your undergraduate degree relates to the M.A. in Ethnic Studies.  
Identify your undergraduate major and where you received the degree.  
Please also address your academic background in Ethnic Studies by discussing one of the following: (a) 12 semester (16 quarter) units of Ethnic Studies related coursework that you have taken; OR, (b) a combination of coursework and experience; OR, (c) experience comparable to 12 semester units of coursework in Ethnic Studies.
3. What is your career objective and how will the M.A. in Ethnic Studies assist you in achieving your career goals?
4. Provide information on your background including experiences and involvement with communities of color.

### **Three steps to completing the application process**

1.) A general university graduate application must be submitted via CSU Mentor. To access the online application, go to [https://secure.csumentor.edu/admissionapp/grad\\_apply.asp](https://secure.csumentor.edu/admissionapp/grad_apply.asp)

2.) The following items must be sent to the Ethnic Studies Graduate Coordinator, Dr. Katynka Martinez, via email at [katynka@sfsu.edu](mailto:katynka@sfsu.edu)

- a.) Application form cover sheet
- b.) Statement of purpose (see instructions on cover sheet)
- c.) Research paper (10-15 pages) that best reflects your proposed area of graduate study.
- d.) Two (2) letters of recommendation, preferably from individuals who have direct knowledge of your academic abilities.
- e.) A current curriculum vitae/resume (academic history, teaching or job experience, conference presentations, publications, etc.).

3.) A complete set of official college transcripts must be submitted to the College of Ethnic Studies AND to the Office of Graduate Admissions (addresses below).  
(Note to current SFSU student applicants and alumni: We can obtain a copy of your SFSU transcripts, including transfer institutions, if you send an email request to [katynka@sfsu.edu](mailto:katynka@sfsu.edu). This request takes about two weeks to process).

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