

MA in Ethnic Studies at San Francisco State University



Applications for the Ethnic Studies MA program at San Francisco State University are accepted for fall semester admissions only. The application deadline is February 1st. The Ethnic Studies MA program does not require GRE scores as part of the application process. The program does require the following:

- 1.) Two Letters of Recommendation
- 2.) Unofficial Transcripts
- 3.) Statement of Purpose
- 4.) CV/Resume
- 5.) Writing Sample

Please submit these materials via Cal State Apply:
<https://calstate.liaisoncas.com/applicant-ux/#/login>

Letters of Recommendation

You can use the Program Evaluations feature on Cal State Apply to manage the submission of your letters of recommendation. The two letters of recommendation should come from individuals who have direct knowledge of your academic abilities. Recommenders should be able to comment on your work habits, writing ability, and other characteristics that demonstrate your ability to succeed in the MA program.

Unofficial Transcripts

The Division of Graduate Studies requires you to upload copies of transcripts from every college or university attended, including study abroad coursework, community college coursework even if transfer credit appears on your degree transcript. Upload all transcripts to the documents section of this application. The Division of Graduate Studies may request official transcripts from you at any time during the application process in order to complete our review.

If you are selected for admission, you must submit an official transcript to the Division of Graduate Studies by the 4th week of your first semester of attendance or a HOLD will be placed on future course registration.

Statement of Purpose

The Statement of Purpose is your opportunity to provide more information to the admissions committee regarding your interest in SF State's Master's Program in Ethnic Studies. You should include information on your particular research interest area and, if possible, identify faculty that who you hope to work with while at SF State (*Note: the faculty must be tenured or tenure track faculty from one of the five departments in the College of Ethnic Studies*).

Please explain how your undergraduate degree relates to the M.A. in Ethnic Studies and address your background in Ethnic Studies. You can do this by referencing one of the following: a.) Twelve semester (or 16 quarter) units of Ethnic Studies related coursework that you've taken; b.) A combination of coursework and experience; or c.) Experience comparable to 12 semester units of coursework in Ethnic Studies.

The statement of purpose should provide information on your background including experiences and involvement with communities of color. Please also describe your career objective and how the M.A. in Ethnic Studies will assist you in achieving your goals. The statement of purpose should have a word count of approximately 2,000 to 4,000 words.

CV/Resume

Please submit a current curriculum vitae/resume that outlines your academic history, teaching or relevant job experience, conference presentations, publications, community service, etc.

Writing Sample

Please submit a research paper (10-15 pages) that best reflects your proposed area of graduate study.