





## **ETHNIC STUDIES**

**1953 ETHN ST II Semester 11-12**

Ethnic Studies will focus on the role of “ethnicity” in the American experience. The class will examine California as a microcosm for the United States. By 2010, California will be the first state to have no ethnicity as a majority. By 2050, the United States as whole will follow suit. What are the political, economic, and social implications of these changes?

In addition, the class will investigate critical issues in the history and culture of some ethnic groups in the United States.

Ethnic Studies will use primary and secondary sources, class discussion, and a research project as the basis for inquiry into the issues that are raised in the essential course question.

**Homework Estimate:** 2-4 hours per week

**This class may be offered as an online Hybrid where students meet once a week outside of the normal school day and do the rest of their work online.**

## **THE GOLD WAR**

**1850 COLD WAR Semester 11-12**

This semester course is open to juniors and seniors as a Social Studies elective. Major issues of the Cold War are analyzed and discussed using documentary films, literature, primary source documents, and newly-released archival footage. Topics include the impact of the Cold War on third world nations, superpower struggles for dominance, the arms and space races, espionage, the fall of communism, and Cold War legacies.

**Homework Estimate: This is an online hybrid class. Meetings take place 6-8 p.m. every Wednesday. There is an expectation of at least 3 hours work outside the classroom.**

## **HOLOCAUST**

**1604 HOLOCAUST Semester 11-12**

This one semester course is open to juniors and seniors as a social studies elective. While examining various genocides, students will examine responses to these events. Exploring the psychological roots and the social context of genocide, students will evaluate the behavior of rescuers, by-standers, victims and perpetrators. Students will study the nature of prejudice and historic roots of racism.

**Homework Estimate:** 1-2 hours per week

## **MODERN CALIFORNIA HISTORY & LITERATURE**

**1639 MODCAL HIST Semester 12**

**1099 MODCAL LIT Semester 12**

How did Hollywood and LA become what they are today? What kind of effect will immigration have on California? How does being on the west coast change the perspectives of war? Students will have a chance to examine these questions and more as they study modern historic events and literature from a California standpoint. Students will be participating in at least one and possibly three fieldtrips as well. This interdisciplinary semester-long course for seniors would offer students five units in Social Studies and five units in English. You must enroll in both sections.

**Homework Estimate:** Approximately 2 hours per week, for each class.