

# American Ethnic Studies Honors Program University of Washington



American Ethnic Studies Departmental Honors is open to all AES majors meeting the requirements offered below. After acceptance as an AES departmental honors student and successful completion of the requirements, students will graduate with an AES Bachelor of Arts degree “With Distinction” added to their diploma and transcript. AES Honors students are required to complete additional course work and to a greater depth, and intensity beyond the regular AES requirements.

Students completing the University of Washington’s Honors program must also complete the departmental honors requirements. For more information about University of Washington Honors, see: <https://honors.uw.edu/>

## **The Admissions Requirements for the AES Honors Program:**

1. Acceptance as an AES major [approval of the Honors advisor].
2. Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.70 in UW AES Departmental courses.
3. Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.50 in UW courses.
4. Application and acceptance in the AES Departmental Honors Program. Application must be submitted by the 5th week of the Spring quarter of the student’s Junior year.

## **AES Departmental Honors requirements:**

1. Successful completion of AES 496 (Honors Senior Thesis) (5 credits) under the supervision of an individual faculty sponsor with expertise in the relevant area of interest. The thesis may be an extended research paper (30 pages, minimum) or a project (visual, creative, etc. with attached narrative of 5 pages, minimum). See catalog for additional information.  
AES Honor students are encouraged to present their research or project at the Undergraduate Research Symposium held in the Spring quarter of each academic year.
2. Successful completion of at least 10 credits of approved additional AES Ad Hoc Honors courses. Most, but not all, upper division courses in the AES Concentration area constitute the list of approved courses. Final approval must be secured from the instructor of the courses and the AES Honors advisor.

### **What is an AES Ad Hoc Honors designated course?:**

Except for AES 496, all Honors courses within the American Ethnic Studies are presently conducted through the “Ad-Hoc Honors” credit basis. A student must contract with an instructor before taking an upper-division AES Department course to obtain Honors credit for it. Honors students “...are expected to pursue the course matter to a greater depth and with more intensity than he/she would within the framework of the regular class by engaging in extra work and expending the extra energy to do so.”

Language courses and large survey courses will not be acceptable for the Ad-Hoc course process.

AES Ad-Hoc Honors forms are available from the AES Departmental Honors Advisor or AES Department Advisor.

The student will meet with the instructor to discuss the requirements for the honors work, create a schedule, establish deadlines and have the instructor sign two copies of the proper form. The student will keep one form, the other is for the instructor.

At the end of the quarter, have the instructor sign the form under “Instructor Approval” and submit the completed form to the AES department advisor.

Information about UW Ad-Hoc Credits is available at: <https://honors.uw.edu/reqs/adhoc/>

### **AES Faculty:**

- Enrique Bonus
- Alina Méndez
- LaShawnDa Pittman
- Lauro Flores
- Linh Nguyễn
- Sonnet Retman
- Jang Huh
- Devon Peña
- Elizabeth Salas
- La Tasha Levy
- Carolyn Pinedo-Turnovsky
- Connie So

**AES Adjunct Faculty:** [A person with a home department different from AES and approved to offer courses in and listed as an Adjunct faculty in the AES Department]:

- Laura Chrisman (English)
- Ralina Joseph (Communication)
- Kathleen Fearn-Banks (Communication)
- Moon-Ho Jung (History)
- William George (Psychology)
- Clarence Spigner (School of Public Health)
- Juan Guerra (English)
- Shirley Yee (Women Studies)

# American Ethnic Studies Honors Program Application Form



Student # \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

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

Number of Total Credits Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Planned Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Departmental GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Current GPA Overall: \_\_\_\_\_

AES core courses fulfilled (student should have 4 core completed). Indicate quarter completed.

AES 150 \_\_\_\_\_

AES 151 \_\_\_\_\_

AES 212 \_\_\_\_\_

AAS 101 \_\_\_\_\_

AFRAM 101 \_\_\_\_\_

CHSTU 101 \_\_\_\_\_

Faculty Sponsor you would like to work with: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you met with the Professor? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

POSSIBLE THESIS TOPIC (Please also provide a one-page statement that elaborates on this idea further:

Include a writing sample; this can be a paper from one of your classes.

Student signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Professor signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Return all materials to Lorna Hamill by the 5th week of the Spring quarter of the student's Junior year.

Advisor notes: QUARTER STUDENT ADMITTED TO PROGRAM: \_\_\_\_\_ DENIED \_\_\_\_\_