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**Course Requirements**

- Attendance and participation
- Written assignments: 1-page response papers on each week's readings.
- Class presentation: Each student is responsible for one group presentation: 5-10 minutes on the topic of the week. Visual/audio aids are strongly encouraged. Please let me know at least 4 days in advance if you need any AV equipment. Please sign up for your presentation on the first day of class.

**NOTE: All readings are available on E-Reserves**

**Week 1. 10/5. Introduction****Week 2. 10/12. Race and Ethnicity**

Mary Waters, "Influences on Ancestry Choice." Ch. 3 in *Ethnic Options: Choosing Identities in America*.

Nancy Lopez, "From 'Mamasita' to 'Hoodlum': Stigma as Lived Experience." Ch. 2 in *Hopeful Girls, Troubled Boys*.

**Week 3. 10/19. Making It in America**

Lisa Park. "Asian Immigrant Entrepreneurial Children." Ch. 10 in *Contemporary Asian American Communities*.

Abel Valenzuela, Jr. "Gender Roles and Settlement Activities Among Children and Their Immigrant Families." *American Behavioral Scientist* 42 (4): 720-742, 1999.

**Week 4. 10/26. Gender Matters**

Vicki Ruiz. "The Flapper and the Chaperone: Historical Memory among Mexican American Women." Ch. 8 in *Seeking Common Ground*

Yen Le Espiritu. "We Don't Sleep Around Like White Girls Do." Ch. 7 in *Home Bound: Filipino American Lives Across Cultures, Communities, and Countries*.

**Week 5. 11/2. Invented and Imposed Identities**

Rachel Buff. "Gender and Generation Down the Red Road." Ch. 6 in *Immigration and the Political Economy of Home*

Sunaina Maira. "Intimate and Imperial Feelings: South Asian Muslim Immigrant Youth After 9/11." Paper presented at the US Wars in Asia workshop, UCSD, May 15, 2004.

**Majoring or Minor in Ethnic Studies at UCSD**

Many students take an ethnic studies course because the topic is of great interest or because of a need to fulfill a social science, non-contiguous, or other college requirement. Often students have taken three or four classes out of "interest" yet have no information about the major or minor and don't realize how close they are to a major, a minor, or even a double major. An ethnic studies major is excellent preparation for a career in law, public policy, government and politics, journalism, education, public health, social work, international relations, and many other careers. If you would like information about the ethnic studies major or minor at UCSD, please contact Theresa Aitchison, Ethnic Studies Department Undergraduate Advisor, at 858-534-6040 or [taitchis@ucsd.edu](mailto:taitchis@ucsd.edu).