

Concurrent Enrollment Ethnic Studies Elective Course

Student Feedback

What is your opinion of America (both past and future) and how has that opinion changed because of this class? Do you feel you belong and have a role in America, if yes, what is that role?

- I feel like I have a more positive but balanced view on America now, I know the problems that are in place but now I know the ways I can help to fix them and that has given me a new optimism for our nation as opposed to the nihilistic view I had before this school year.

Before I took this class I kind of hated America. There were always bad things going on, and there still are, and it was hard to see the good. Now I know that America has good intentions, but they aren't always followed through in the way that they should be. My opinion did change throughout this class, but it changed for the better. I think that America still has a long way to go, but we are doing better. I like America but there is still a lot that needs to change and could be done. I talked to my parents about this class everyday that I had it. My dad was very interested in the things that I learned. We would have conversations for hours. When I talked about this class to my mom I showed her all of the articles, videos, and podcasts that we learned about. We could talk about it for hours and we did.

During this class I've learned three major principles: empathy, knowledge and action. It's important during the learning process to open your mind to different opinions than what you currently know. The class helped me understand other people's point of view while also providing current information and things to do because I learned information. If I could go back I would definitely take this class again.

I talked to my mom about this class almost every time we finished a school period. I would go to the car, call her, and tell her about the mind-blowing things I learned in Ethnic Studies. Coming from a family of immigrants, we can relate to a lot of what was discussed in the class, and I wanted her to be informed about it too.

I think that in the past, America has definitely made some mistakes, and that those mistakes are still affecting us today. I think that we have also made a lot of progress, and that there's still a lot of progress to be made. In the future, I hope that America will be a more accepting and equal society, and I think this class helped to give me some of that hope. It's really easy to lose it in today's world, especially with all the tragedies going on, but this class has helped me realize that we can fight for a better tomorrow, and that it will be okay.

My opinion of America has always leaned a little more negative because of my experiences in both rural and urban America, but learning about America in this class actually gave me more

hope, and I lean more positive now. Learning about past civil rights movements and how far we have come gives me hope that my generation and future generations can continue to fight for the right things.

I believe that America is a great country that has some problems that need to be fixed. America has very many flaws in its future, but I believe we can learn from those flaws and progress to become better as a society. This class has made me realize some of the flaws that America has that I previously did not realize existed or previously did not care about. This class has made me realize that there are flaws but also that I can have a part in changing and fixing those flaws.

My opinion on America has always been that it is the greatest country and that I am so happy to live here and honestly nothing about my opinion of America has changed because of this class.

Prior to this class, I felt that America was doomed, and that it was not at all the place that the founding fathers intended it to be. After the storming of the capital and the black lives matter movement, I was so angry at those in power. However at the same time, I knew that there was more to those situations that I didn't know about and that sparked my interest in Ethnic studies. And after taking it, my opinion has changed quite a bit. America isn't a horrible place, but there are horrible people who live in it. So rather than jumping ship so to speak to go live in Canada, I feel empowered to stay, and make America a better place for all ethnicities and to encourage others to do as well.

This class should be taught because it contains history that isn't often taught. This history is unpleasant but it's necessary to understand our past to make sure we don't make their mistakes. This is especially important as I feel we are making their mistakes right now.

A lot of people say that this class is teaching the younger generation to hate America and want to overthrow the government. I just want to argue that even without this class, we would still not be big fans. We live in a great country, but some of the systems we have are outdated and just flat out broken. This class just informs us of the history we don't get taught in regular history classes. We are taught the history that America is ashamed of. And it's ok to be ashamed of it. Being racist and having Jim Crow and slavery is not good, but it's good to know these things happened instead of blatantly ignore them. The Ethnic Studies class helps us learn this past and also teaches us how to grow from it and be the ones to stand up when bad things happen in the future. It gives confidence and teaches them to have a voice. When someone says something racist, we learn to speak up and shut it down. We learn to become the change. This class has really influenced me to become a better person as well a more informed on current issues that have started today.

I think I've always had a high opinion of this country and this class just helped me see the potential for greatness this country has. We have a long way to go and that's ok. We're trying.

I do feel like I have a role in America, and I feel like my role is to uphold what this nation stands for and to not back down from what I believe, and what my standards are.

I think I do have a role in America. And I think that role is to both help provide a voice for and lift up marginalized people to work towards a better, safer, more inclusive society, whether on a small scale or large. I can make a difference. That is my role. And even if I only change one person's life, I've succeeded. While I may not feel like I belong all the time, I belong here.

Yes, I think I do belong here, and there are things I can do here such as using my voice to speak up on things I care about.

Yes I do feel like I have a role in America, ever since I was little I have love this country and felt that it was absolutely important that I educate others about history which is why I want to go to school to be a historian.

I would like to say thank you for actually teaching me things that can help develop my future impact on the United States when I can vote and things like that. I have learned more about our country's history in the semester class than I have in my whole life.

I have never been the most patriotic person ever but this class has made me come to see its flaws along with the good parts. I want to do my part to make America the best place that it could be and this class has taught me some of what I can do.

Yes, I do an Immigrant 17-year-old girl from another culture, I feel that my role here is to show how against any hardship I can achieve great things and that I can make a change, so other immigrants who are afraid or don't feel confident enough can believe.

Parent Feedback

Has this class been a positive experience for your Student and would you recommend this class to a neighbor? Do you think Ethnic Studies should be taught in High School?

My child's eyes have been opened a little wider and she has shown more concern and compassion where before she did not know it was needed.

Yes I would recommend this class to a neighbor. There is a lot of need in our society for understanding and patience. [REDACTED] has learned that.

Yes this class should be taught in high schools. I think that maybe. If students could gain an understanding of each other on a more appropriate level there may be less violence.

Yes this class should be offered. Kids form opinions based on Social Media. I like that this class gave them a source of information to base their opinions.

I would recommend it. It think our State is so diverse that understanding, knowledge, and acceptance, not just stereotyping it very healthy. And it should be taught in school. It is basically a part of history. Knowing ethnic information. Our world is a melting pot and we need to understand the world we live in.