

Demystifying AB 1460

New Ethnic Studies Requirement for California State University*

AB 1460: Brass Tacks

- O Signed into law August 17, 2020
- O Manifests in (new) §89032 of California Education Code, relating to CSU segment
- O Requires all CSU campuses offer ethnic studies courses in the 2021-22 academic year
- O Directed the CSU Council on Ethnic Studies and CSU Academic Senate to develop core competencies in ethnic studies
- O Requires CSU students in the class of 2025 to have completed a minimum of one 3-unit course in ethnic studies to be eligible for the baccalaureate degree
 - O Allows for no increase in units required to graduate
 - O Cannot be required of students who have previously completed a baccalaureate degree, nor thoses who have completed an ES course at an accredited postsecondary institution

Fall 2020: A nail-biter

- O August 17, 2020: AB 1460 signed into law
- O **September 29, 2020:** First CSU system announcement on where Ethnic Studies requirement will be placed in CSU baccalaureate requirements
 - O Lower-Division
 - O CSU-GE General Education Breadth requirement
 - O CSU-GE Area D: Social Sciences to reduce from 9 to 6 required units of courses
 - O New CSU-GE Area F: Ethnic Studies is born with 3 required units of coursework
 - O Area F courses must be offered in specific disciplines/prefixes, but can be cross-listed with other disciplines
 - O 3 of the 5 ethnic studies competencies must be met for a course to glean Area F approval
- O **December 3, 2020:** Ethnic Studies requirement officially implemented in CSU Executive Order (EO) 1100 "CSU General Education Breadth Requirements"

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