Ethnic Studies helps students connect with their power by highlighting the strengths in their personal, community, and cultural backgrounds. The Ethnic Studies Residency Program (ESRP) pairs teacher candidates with dynamic mentor teachers at Overfelt High School with a commitment to being transformative educators. Through ongoing, practice-based professional development, the ESRP supports residents and their mentors in cultivating the mindsets, knowledge, and skills to turn their classrooms into spaces of solidarity and liberation.

ESRP workshops, led by program faculty and invited authors and experts in the field, guide candidates through the process of inquiry that leads to their Masters of Arts in Teaching (M.A.T.). In addition, ESRP residents may be eligible for tuition stipends from the college or district.

Who Can Participate?
The ESRP is open to SJSU History/Social Science Single Subject Credential candidates who will begin student teaching in the Fall semester.

What is the Commitment?
Residents complete a year-long placement at Overfelt HS teaching Ethnic Studies and US or World History. Residents participate in regular professional development alongside their mentors to enhance Ethnic Studies curriculum and instruction.

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