

# RACE, ETHNIC, AND GENDER STUDIES

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**Website** (<https://shss.umkc.edu/areas-of-study/race-ethnic-and-gender-studies/>)

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## Department Description

The Department of Race, Ethnic and Gender Studies (REGS) offers an excellent interdisciplinary curriculum that teaches critical thinking through an examination of historical and contemporary problems and expands student understanding of gender difference, cultural diversity and social change.

- The department offers a minor in Race, Ethnic, and Gender Studies. Students are able to pursue a specialized focus or an intersectional minor while enhancing their major in any field. The minor provides flexibility to allow for the creation of a course of study suited to individual student interests.
- Internship programs provide opportunities for undergraduate or graduate students to gain on-site experience. In some cases, students can receive 1 to 4 hours of academic credit while learning and working in off- or on-campus placements.

## Undergraduate Programs

REGS Minor (<https://catalog.umkc.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/academic-departments-programs/regs/regs-minor/>)

## Faculty

**Kristen Barber**, chair, race, ethnic, and gender studies; and associate professor of race, ethnic, and gender studies; B.A. (Albion College); M.A. (Tulane University); Ph.D. (University of Southern California).

**Deja Beamon**, assistant professor of Black studies and race, ethnic and gender studies; B.A. (Duke University); M.A., Ph.D. (The Ohio State University).

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