

Chicano Studies

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Overview

The Chicano studies major offers an interdisciplinary curriculum of academic study that critically examines the historical and contemporary experiences of people of Mexican descent in the context of American society and institutions. Moreover, in light of continuous immigration from Mexico, and now Central America, the Chicano studies major curriculum includes the study of particular aspects of Mexican history, culture and politics as they bear upon the Chicano community, past and present. Emphasis is given in the major to the student developing a broad knowledge of the Chicano experience. Thus, the major stresses the analysis of the interrelationships in the historical background, cultural patterns, and artistic expression of the Chicano community in order to acquire a well-rounded, in-depth understanding of the contemporary interface between Chicanos and American society. In this connection, the major strives to incorporate various disciplines in its approach, such as political science, sociology, anthropology, history, literary criticism, and art. Through the interdisciplinary nature of our curriculum, the major is aimed at preparing students for incorporation into the world of work and for a wide range of advanced graduate work and/or professional training in various fields.

Major Requirements

Lower Division

- Ethnic Studies 10AC and 11AC
- Completion of two courses from Chicano Studies 20, 40, 50, or 70.

Upper Division

- Ethnic Studies 101A, 101B, and 103
- Completion of four elective courses from Chicano Studies 101, 110, 130, 133, 135A, 135B, 135C, 141, 142, 143, 145, 148, 149, 150A, 150B, 159, C161, 163, 165, 172, 174, 176, 179, 180, 180AC, or an approved course from another department
- Chicano Studies 197 (4 units total).

Honors Program

The Chicano Studies program provides an option leading to the AB degree with honors. Students must have junior standing; a 3.5 University GPA; and a 3.5 GPA in the major. The honors thesis consists of a 6-unit research project. The faculty will establish criteria and grade the project. For more information, see the Chicano Studies adviser in 532 Barrows Hall.

Minor Requirements

Completion of five courses from Chicano Studies 101, 110, 130, 133, 135A, 135B, 135C, 141, 142, 143, 145, 148, 149, 150A, 150B, 159, C161, 163, 165, 172, 174, 176, 179, 180, 180AC. Students may also use one approved course from another department or EAP.

CHICANO 1AX Reading and Composition 3 Units

Department: Chicano Studies

Course level: Undergraduate

Term course may be offered: Summer

Grading: Letter grade.

Hours and format: 6 hours of Lecture per week for 6 weeks.

To acquaint Summer Bridge students with methods of expository discourse through the reading of Chicano literature. An introduction to writing, beginning with sentence structure, with an emphasis on unity, coherence, and overall organizational of a full composition.

Instructor: Reid-Gomez

CHICANO R1A Reading and Composition 4 Units

Department: Chicano Studies

Course level: Undergraduate

Terms course may be offered: Fall, spring and summer

Grading: Letter grade.

Hours and format: 3 hours of Lecture and 1 hour of Discussion per week for 15 weeks. 6 hours of Lecture and 2 hours of Discussion per week for 8 weeks. 7.5 hours of Lecture and 2.5 hours of Discussion per week for 6 weeks.

Prerequisites: Satisfaction of the University of California Entry Level Writing Requirement.

Course will acquaint students with methods of expository discourse through the reading of Chicano/a literature. An introduction to writing, beginning with sentence structure, with an emphasis on unity, coherence, and overall organization of a full composition. Satisfies the first half of the Reading and Composition Requirement.

Satisfies the first half of the Reading and Composition requirement

CHICANO R1AN Reading and Composition 3 Units

Department: Chicano Studies

Course level: Undergraduate

Term course may be offered: Summer

Grading: Letter grade.

Hours and format: 5.5 hours of Lecture per week for 8 weeks. 7.5 hours of Lecture per week for 6 weeks.

Course will acquaint students with methods of expository discourse through the reading of Chicano literature. An introduction to writing, beginning with sentence structure, with an emphasis on unity, coherence, and overall organization of a full composition. Satisfies the first half of the Reading and Composition requirement.

Satisfies the first half of the Reading and Composition requirement

Formerly known as 1AN.

CHICANO R1B Reading and Composition 4 Units

Department: Chicano Studies

Course level: Undergraduate

Terms course may be offered: Fall, spring and summer

Grading: Letter grade.

Hours and format: 3 hours of Lecture and 1 hour of Discussion per week for 15 weeks. 7.5 hours of Lecture and 2.5 hours of Discussion per week for 6 weeks.

Prerequisites: Satisfaction of the University of California Entry Level Writing Requirement and the first half of the Reading and Composition requirement.

This course examines literary works by Chicano/a writers in their political and social contexts. Emphasis is on literary interpretation and sustained analytical writing. The course aims to develop students' fluency in writing longer and more complex papers, with specific attention to the development of their research skills and their ability to incorporate source material effectively. Satisfies the second half of the Reading and Composition Requirement.

Satisfies the second half of the Reading and Composition requirement

CHICANO 5 Intensive Elementary Spanish Language and Latin

American Culture 5 Units