Bachelor of Arts

INTRODUCTION TO THE MAJOR

Chicana/o and Latina/o Studies is grounded in the decolonization and liberation projects of U.S. Latina/os and their allies in the civil rights, gender, and sexual liberation movements of the 1960s that continue through the present in new forms that address new conditions. We take seriously the knowledges, epistemologies and critical thinking produced by racially and sexually oppressed subjects, and endeavor to examine the entangled intersectionality of racialized sexuality, gender, and class in complex socio-historical processes.

The Chicana/o and Latina/o Studies major and minor are offered by the Department of Ethnic Studies, which also offers a major and minor in Ethnic Studies as well as a minor in Race and the Law.

THE MAJOR CURRICULUM

Our courses on the U.S. Latina/o experience contribute to the production of truly universal knowledges about the United States and an increasingly interconnected world beyond the limited scope of Eurocentric or other ethnocentric perspectives and disciplinary constraints. Courses in the program include the social sciences, geography, history, literature, visual cultural studies, performance arts, public policy, education, health, theater, film, media, religion, and philosophy. In addition, we offer practicum courses in creative writing, research methods, visual and performance arts and field studies/internship experience in various community organizations.

AMPLIFY YOUR MAJOR

- Enrich your studies with a summer minor in Race and the Law.
- Enrich your studies with a Summer Abroad course (ETHSTD N180) in Barcelona or Mexico City.
- Get involved with community-facing student groups such as the La Raza Workers’ and Tenants’ Rights Clinic.
- Complete a senior honors thesis in the major.

Chicana/o Studies is an attempt at uncovering the silences in history that have continuously left out the contributions and actions of communities of Mexican descent. It is the critical study of Chicano Mexican and Latinx communities across and in spite of borders.

– Pablo Gonzalez, Continuing Lecturer
CHICANA/O AND LATINA/O STUDIES

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**FIRST YEAR**
- Meet with your major and college advisor to discuss your academic plans.
- Familiarize yourself with major and college requirements.
- Enroll in ETH STD 11AC. Introduction to Ethnic Studies.

**SECOND YEAR**
- Satisfy two elective courses: CHICANO 20, 40, 50 or 70. If you haven’t done so yet.
- Complete the three lower division prerequisites and declare the major.
- Review major guidelines for study abroad.

**THIRD YEAR**
- Enroll in methods courses ETH STD 100A or ETH STD 100B.
- Focus on upper division requirements and electives.
- Review your degree progress with your major and college advisor.
- Ask the major advisors about the honors program.

**FOURTH YEAR**
- Do a degree check to ensure you are on track to graduate.
- Complete any “bucket list” courses and remaining major, college, and campus requirements.
- Satisfy the CHICANO 197 field study requirement if you haven’t done so already.

**Explore your major**
- Get a mentoring with Berkeley Connect in Ethnic Studies and L&S Mentors Program.
- Find study groups, tutoring, and academic support at the Student Learning Center.
- Enroll in UGIS 98: College Success in L&S.

**Connect and build community**
- Discover new interests in a Freshman Seminar, L&S 1, or a student-run DeCal course.
- Attend the Undergraduate Research and Scholarships Fair in October.
- Visit the Ethnic Studies Library in Stephens Hall and explore its collections.

**Discover your passions**
- Continue with a Sophomore Seminar, Big Ideas Course, or Discovery Course.
- Assist faculty and graduate students in their research through SURF and SURF-SMART.
- Find research and funding opportunities in the OURS database.
- Enrich your studies with a certificate, course thread, or summer minor like Race and the Law.

**Engage locally and globally**
- Attend the Calapalooza student activities fair and get involved with a student organization.
- Find service opportunities through the Public Service Center.
- Explore study, internship, and research abroad options with Berkeley Study Abroad.

**Reflect and plan your future**
- Visit the Career Center and Career Counseling Library.
- Sign up for Handshake and CareerMail.
- Explore career fields in the Career Connections Networking Series or a winter externship.
- Visit the Ethnic Studies website for career ideas after graduating.

**WHAT CAN I DO WITH MY MAJOR?**

The Chicana/o and Latina/o Studies major prepares students for incorporation into the world of work and for a wide range of advanced graduate work and professional training in various fields, such as teaching, counseling, law, journalism, marketing, community and housing development, radio and television, health and medicine, community and union organizing, social work, and positions in federal, state, and local governments as well as those at the city and county levels.

**Jobs and Employers**
- Administrative Coord., Legal Services for Children CA State Govt., Assembly Member DOJ Accredited Rep., East Bay Sanctuary Covenant Director, Ronald E. McNair Scholars Pgm.
- Executive Asst., Chappellet Vineyard Executive Director of Public Safety and Transportation, Saint Mary’s College Health Navigator, Ctr. for Human Development Project Specialist, UCSF Student Svcs. and Support Pgm.
- Specialist, Sacramento City College

**Graduate Programs**
- Counseling, Masters Education, Masters, PhD Law, JD
- Medicine, MD Public Administration, Masters Public Health, Masters
- Public Policy, Masters Social Work, Masters

**Examples gathered from the First Destination Survey of recent Berkeley graduates.**

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