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.

How to use this map

Use this map to help plan and guide your experience at UC Berkeley, including academic, co-curricular, and discovery opportunities. Everyone’s Berkeley experience is different and activities in this map are suggestions. Always consult with your advisors whenever possible for new opportunities and updates.

Visit vcue.berkeley.edu/majormaps for the latest version of this major map.
CHICANA/O AND LATINA/O STUDIES
Bachelor of Arts

FOLLOW YOUR PASSIONS
- Reflect on your education so far and continue to set goals for yourself.
- Meet with a Career Center counselor to discuss your career options and goals.
- Think about doing an internship and attend an Internship Fair.
- Learn about graduate and professional school opportunities.

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.

CONNECT AND BUILD COMMUNITY
- Get involved with Berkeley Connect in Ethnic Studies and/or 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.

DISCOVER YOUR PASSIONS
- 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.
- Continue with a Sophomore Seminar, Big Ideas Course, or Discovery Course.
- Assist faculty and graduate students in their research through URAF 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.

DESIGN YOUR JOURNEY

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/or 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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