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# CHICANO/LATINO STUDIES

## THE DEGREE

The major in Chicano/Latino studies provides undergraduate students with an opportunity to examine the historical and contemporary experiences of Chicanos and Latinos. These diverse populations include people who trace their heritage to Mexico, Cuba, Puerto Rico, El Salvador, Guatemala, Nicaragua and many other Latin American and Caribbean nations.

The curriculum provides awareness, knowledge and appreciation of the language, history, culture, literature, sociology, anthropology, politics, social ecology, health, medicine and creative (art, dance, drama, film, music) accomplishments in Chicano/Latino communities.

## RESEARCH

The Chicano/Latino studies faculty at UC Irvine maintain expertise in a number of topics including, among others:

- Ethnic and Latino politics
- Immigration
- Racial, ethnic and minority relations
- Latino and Chicano literature
- Racialized sexualities

Through the Chicano/Latino studies honors program, students have the opportunity to pursue cutting-edge research with UCI's top notch faculty experts.

## CAREERS

With our ever shrinking global society, there are many career opportunities available for students with expertise in Chicano/Latino studies. They include:

- Service with national and international organizations seeking knowledge of American multicultural society and of Chicano/Latino peoples and cultures
- Area specialist positions with state and federal government agencies
- Careers in the private sector with corporations or private organizations with business activities in the U.S., Mexico, Puerto Rico, Cuba, El Salvador, Guatemala and other Latin American countries
- Service and leadership positions in education, human services, law, health, journalism and public policy within Chicano/Latino communities

Students may also continue their education and pursue professional or graduate degrees. Employers and graduate admission officers understand many of their employees and graduates will one day work in communities with significant Chicano/Latino populations, and for this reason they give due consideration to applicants who have in-depth knowledge of Chicano/Latino cultures.

# SCHOOL of SOCIAL SCIENCES

*where I make a difference*

## SUGGESTED CURRICULUM FOR A CHICANO/LATINO STUDIES MAJOR

### Freshman<sup>1</sup> (12 to 16 units per quarter)

Lower Division Writing (two courses)

Chicano/Latino Studies 61, 62, 63<sup>2</sup>

Social Science 3A

General Education II or IV (three courses)

General Education VI<sup>3</sup>

One-digit introductory course in Social Sciences (one course)

### Sophomore (16 units per quarter)

One-digit introductory course in Social Sciences (one course)

Social Science 10A–B–C or Math 2A–B & Stats 7

General Education II or IV (three courses)

Spanish 2A

Chicano/Latino Studies lower or upper division elective (one course)

### Junior (16 units per quarter)

Four upper division Chicano/Latino Studies courses<sup>4</sup>

Comparative ethnic studies course in African American or Asian American Studies or Education 124 (one course)

Two additional upper division Chicano/Latino Studies electives<sup>3</sup>

Apply to Honors Program in Chicano/Latino Studies<sup>5</sup>

### Senior (16 units per quarter)

Chicano/Latino Studies 101 (fall)

Chicano/Latino Studies 102W (winter, satisfies upper division writing req)

Chicano/Latino Studies H190A, 190B–190C if in honors program (three courses)

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<sup>1</sup>Students should move from a 12 to 16 unit work load starting in the second quarter of their first year.

<sup>2</sup>These courses can satisfy General Education VII.

<sup>3</sup>Foreign language requirement may be satisfied in high school prior to matriculation. Note: The major in Chicano/Latino studies requires completion of Spanish 2A. Students are encouraged to continue through Spanish 2C.

<sup>4</sup>Each course must be completed in a separate category selected from the following four: Literature, Arts, Media, Culture (Chicano/Latino Studies 110–129); History (Chicano/Latino Studies 130–139); Inequalities, Gender, Sexuality, & Class (Chicano/Latino Studies 140–159); Health, Education & Public Policy (Chicano/Latino Studies 160–189).

<sup>5</sup>The Honors Program is open to all senior majors with an overall GPA of 3.3 and 3.5 GPA in the major who have completed Chicano/Latino Studies 61, 62 and 63 and two upper division courses.

## OPPORTUNITIES IN CHICANO/LATINO STUDIES AT UCI

Explore the opportunities in Chicano/Latino studies at UC Irvine.

- **Honors Program**  
Looking for a challenge? The honors program in Chicano/Latino studies allows undergraduates to pursue field research and write an honors thesis on topics of their choice under the guidance of Chicano/Latino studies faculty members. Research projects typically involve a combination of library and field research.
- **Chicano/Latino Studies Minor**  
Interested in Chicano/Latino studies but don't feel that a major is right for you? A minor may be just the answer! The minor in Chicano/Latino studies consists of six courses as well as a language requirement.
- **Certificate Program**  
The department offers certificates in history and culture, social policy and issues, and Chicano/Latino community in a global context.
- **Scholarship and Award Opportunities**  
In addition to the UC Irvine and School of Social Sciences scholarship opportunities, the Chicano/Latino studies department offers several major-specific scholarships and awards to undergraduate students.
- **Casa Cesar Chavez**  
This department-sponsored academic theme house provides residents with a variety of educational, social and cultural activities. For more info, visit [www.socsci.uci.edu/casachavez](http://www.socsci.uci.edu/casachavez).

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## UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT AFFAIRS OFFICE

The Social Sciences Undergraduate Student Affairs Office provides numerous services and special programs for undergraduate students including course planning, change of major requests, financial aid appeals, course substitutions, and information concerning honors, graduate and professional school, and careers and internships. Visit the Undergraduate Student Affairs Office online at [http://undergraduatestudies.ss.uci.edu/ugs\\_usa](http://undergraduatestudies.ss.uci.edu/ugs_usa) or call (949) 824-6803 today to set up an appointment.

## SOCIAL SCIENCES ACADEMIC RESOURCE CENTER

A great starting point for information about academic-related endeavors is the School of Social Sciences Academic Resource Center (SSARC) where students may obtain information about internships, graduate school, and prospective careers in a number of social sciences-related fields. Visit the Academic Resource Center online at [www.socsci.uci.edu/ssarc](http://www.socsci.uci.edu/ssarc) or call (949) 824-8322 today to set up an appointment.