



The department celebrated their official announcement as a UCI department with performances from traditional Spanish dancers.

major in
**CHICANO/LATINO
STUDIES**

chicano/latino
studies researchers
ask *questions* like:

- ✓ How do Latino expectations for success impact educational and professional outcomes?
- ✓ How will an increasing number of registered Latino voters shape the American electorate?
- ✓ How do multifaceted transitions impact Latino cultural identity?

findings impact our knowledge of Chicano/Latino culture, history and health

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.

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 Latin American countries; service and leadership positions in education, human services, law, health, journalism and public policy within Chicano/Latino communities; and professional and graduate education.

suggested curriculum

Freshman¹ (12 to 16 units per quarter)
Lower Division Writing (two courses)
Chicano/Latino Studies 61, 62, 63²
Social Science 3A
General Education II or IV (three courses)
General Education VI³
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 courses⁴
Comparative ethnic studies course in African American or Asian American Studies or Education 124 (one course)
Two additional upper division Chicano/Latino Studies electives³
Apply to Honors Program in Chicano/Latino Studies⁵

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)



Professor Michael Montoya couples research with community action to combat health issues linked to poverty and poor diets.

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

²These courses can satisfy General Education VII.

³Foreign 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.

⁴Each course must be completed in a separate category selected from the following four: Lit, 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).

⁵The 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

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.

certificate program

The department offers certificates in history and culture, social policy and issues, and Chicano/Latino community in a global context.

minors

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.

casa cesar chavez

This department-sponsored academic theme house provides residents with a variety of educational, social and cultural activities.

scholarships & awards

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.

undergrad student affairs

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 undergradstudies.ss.uci.edu/ugs_usa or call 949.824.6803 today to set up an appointment.

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 or call 949.824.8322 today to set up an appointment.

learn more:

www.chicanolatinostudies.uci.edu