Chicana and Chicano Studies

In the College of Arts and Letters

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Offered by the Department
Master of Arts degree in Chicana and Chicano studies.
Major in Chicana and Chicano studies with the B.A. degree in liberal arts and sciences.
Minor in Chicana and Chicano studies.
Minor in United States-Mexican border studies.
Certificate in United States-Mexico border studies.

The Major
Chicana and Chicano studies is a multi- and interdisciplinary-field that takes as its focus of study Chicana/o-Mexican/o, and other Latina/o populations, the US-Mexico border/lands, and society at large. Through an academically rigorous program, the Department of Chicana and Chicano Studies seeks to develop bachelors of art who have both a general knowledge of the history, cultures, and social life of Chicana/o-Mexican communities over time and in comparative and global contexts, as well as an in-depth understanding of the social, political, and economic inequalities and challenges faced by Chicana/o-Mexican/o, and other Latina/o communities. Students will learn to critically interrogate assumptions about race/ethnicity, class, gender, citizenship, and sexuality, among other axes of power, as well as understand the influence of border/lands in marking the experiences of Chicana/o-Mexican/o communities and society at large.

The department was created in 1969, and has its origins in the Chicano Movement, which envisioned and fought for a world free of inequality. In this spirit, Chicana and Chicano studies majors will acquire the knowledge and skills to exercise responsible leadership, effectively engage diverse communities, and advocate for social justice and equality.

Chicana and Chicano studies majors are prepared for graduate study and careers in federal, state, and local government; education; law; journalism; and nonprofit and grassroots organizations.

Advising
All College of Arts and Letters majors are urged to consult with their department adviser as soon as possible; they are required to meet with their department adviser within the first two semesters after declaration or change of major.

Impacted Program
The Chicana and Chicano studies major is an impacted program. To be admitted to the Chicana and Chicano studies major, students must meet the following criteria:

a. Complete preparation for the major;

b. Complete a minimum of 60 transferable semester units;

c. Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0.

To complete the major, students must fulfill the degree requirements for the major described in the catalog in effect at the time they are accepted into the premajor at SDSU (assuming continuous enrollment).

Major Academic Plans (MAPs)
Visit http://www.sdsu.edu/mymap for the recommended courses needed to fulfill your major requirements. The MAPs website was created to help students navigate the course requirements for their majors and to identify which General Education course will also fulfill a major preparation course requirement.

Chicana and Chicano Studies Major
With the B.A. Degree in Liberal Arts and Sciences
(Major Code: 22131) (SIMS Code: 114905)

All candidates for a degree in liberal arts and sciences must complete the graduation requirements listed in the section of this catalog on “Graduation Requirements.” No more than 48 units in Chicana and Chicano studies courses can apply to the degree.

A minor is not required with this major.

Preparation for the Major. Chicana and Chicano Studies 110 and 150. (6 units)

Language Requirement. Competency (successfully completing the third college semester or fifth college quarter) is required in one foreign language to fulfill the graduation requirement. Students are encouraged to satisfy this language requirement in Spanish. Refer to section of catalog on “Graduation Requirements.”

Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement. Students must have fulfilled the Writing Placement Assessment with a score of 8 or above before taking Chicana and Chicano Studies 396W and earn a grade of C (2.0) or better. See “Graduation Requirements” section for a complete listing of requirements.

Major. A minimum of 33 upper division units to include 27 units selected from Chicana and Chicano Studies 301, 303, 306, 310, 320, 335, 340B, 350A, 350B, 355, 375, 380, 396W, 400, 450, 480, 496, 497, 498, 596, Women’s Studies 512; and six units selected from Chicana and Chicano Studies 340A, 376, and 410.

Chicana and Chicano Studies Minor
(SIMS Code: 114905)

The minor in Chicana and Chicano studies consists of a minimum of 18 units to include Chicana and Chicano Studies 110 and 150; and 12 units of upper division courses selected from Chicana and Chicano Studies courses.

Courses in the minor may not be counted toward the major, but may be used to satisfy preparation for the major and general education requirements, if applicable. A minimum of six upper division units must be completed in residence at San Diego State University.

United States-Mexican Border Studies Minor
(SIMS Code: 114902)

The minor in United States-Mexican Border Studies consists of a minimum of 22 units: Spanish 201 and 12 units in upper division courses to include Chicana and Chicano Studies 355, and six units selected from Chicana and Chicano Studies 306, 310, 375, 376, 380. The following additional nine units must be taken to complete the minor:

International Economics/Business: Three units selected from Chicana and Chicano Studies 301; Economics 360, 365, 458, 565; Finance 329; Marketing 376.

Regional Geography/History and Politics/Society: Six units selected from History 550, 551; Journalism and Media Studies 591; Political Science 555, 566; Social Work 250; Sociology 335, 350, 355.

Courses in the minor may not be counted toward the major, but may be used to satisfy preparation for the major and general education requirements, if applicable. A minimum of six upper division units must be completed in residence at San Diego State University.
United States-Mexico Border Studies Certificate

(Certificate Code: 90018) (SIMS Code: 118701)

The United States-Mexico Border Studies Certificate program is an interdisciplinary program integrating border studies courses from academic units throughout the campus. The objective of the program is to train students from diverse academic backgrounds within a multidisciplinary border studies curriculum that provides direct experience in border institutions and policy issues in both the public and private sectors. The program requires 21 units, and a level 3 of Spanish proficiency on a scale of 5, as indicated on the Foreign Service Language Examination. Students must apply for admission to the program before completing nine certificate units and are required to plan their program with an adviser. Contact the Department of Chicana and Chicano Studies.

Required courses: Chicana and Chicano Studies 355 and three units of an internship, either Chicana and Chicano Studies 498 or from the student's major if it is carried out as a border-oriented internship.

Fifteen units selected from the following areas, at least three units from each area. In addition to the courses listed and with the approval of the adviser, students may take border-related courses from other areas, but no more than six units can be from a single department.

Courses in the certificate may not be counted toward the minor.

Evolution of Social and Environmental Regions: Chicana and Chicano Studies 375; Geography 496; History 551.

Political and Economic Systems: Chicana and Chicano Studies 306; Economics 458, 496, 565; Political Science 568.

Cultural and Social Institutions: Chicana and Chicano Studies 376; Education 451.

Special Problems/Human Services: Chicana and Chicano Studies 496, Border Research Topics.

Language Requirement for the B.A. Degree in Liberal Arts and Sciences

Students electing the study of Náhuatl to fulfill the language requirement for the Bachelor of Arts degree in liberal arts and sciences must successfully complete Chicana and Chicano Studies 201 or the equivalent level of competency. The usual sequence of coursework is Chicana and Chicano Studies 101, 102, and 201. Refer to section of catalog on “Graduation Requirements” for additional ways to satisfy competency.

High School Equivalents

High school foreign language courses may be used for purposes of placement in college courses and may be counted toward meeting the language requirement in various majors. These high school courses will not count as college credit toward graduation.

Secondary school language courses can be used as follows:
1. The first two years of high school level language count as the equivalent of the first semester of a college level course.
2. The first three years of high school level language count as the equivalent of the first two college semesters.
3. Four years of high school level language count as the equivalent of three college semesters or five college quarters, thus fulfilling the language requirement.

Courses (CCS)

Refer to Courses and Curricula and University Policies sections of this catalog for explanation of the course numbering system, unit or credit hour, prerequisites, and related information.

LOWER DIVISION COURSES

CCS 100. Chicana and Chicano Heritage (3) [GE]

Cultural achievements and thought of Spanish-speaking peoples of North America; development of aesthetic and ethical values. North American intellectual history and influence of philosophical orientations of native and Mestizo peoples. Implications for social change.

CCS 101. Elementary Náhuatl I (4) [GE]

Four lectures plus laboratory.

Introduction to basic Náhuatl vocabulary and grammar. Colonial and modern texts and translations in their cultural contexts. Not open to students with credit in Chicanas and Chicano Studies 102 or 201.

CCS 102. Elementary Náhuatl II (4) [GE]

Four lectures plus laboratory.

Prerequisite: Chicana and Chicano Studies 101. Continuation of Elementary Náhuatl I. Language development through vocabulary and grammar. Reading colonial, modern texts, and translations. Conversational language development through cultural context. Not open to students with credit in Chicanas and Chicano Studies 201.

CCS 110. Introduction to Chicana and Chicano Studies (3)


CCS 111A. Oral Communication (3) [GE]

Training in oral expression. Chicanas and Chicano Studies 111A is equivalent to Communication 103. Not open to students with credit in Africana Studies 140 or Communication 103 or 204.

CCS 111B. Written Communication (3) [GE]

Prerequisites: Satisfaction of the English Placement Test and Writing Competency requirements. (See Graduation Requirements section of catalog.) Proof of completion of prerequisites required: Copy of EPT or competency scores or verification of exemption, or proof of credit (Cr) in Rhetoric and Writing Studies 92.

Training in written expression. English grammar and composition; the essay, the term paper. Chicanas and Chicano Studies 111B is equivalent to Rhetoric and Writing Studies 100. Not open to students with credit in a higher-numbered composition course or Africana Studies 120 or American Indian Studies 120 or English 100 or Linguistics 100 or Rhetoric and Writing Studies 100 or 101.

CCS 120A-120B. Chicana and Chicano Role in the American Political System (3-3) [AI]

Semester I: Relationship between Chicanas and Chicano communities and the American political system. Semester II: The Chicana and Chicano in relation to city, county, and state institutions in California. This year-long course satisfies the graduation requirement in American Institutions.

CCS 141A-141B. History of the United States (3-3) [AI]

Spanish, Mexican, and Chicano influences on US history. Semester I: Comparative development of the United States and Mexico to 1865. Semester II: Mexican Americans in US history; US and Mexican national histories compared from 1865 to the present. This year-long course satisfies the graduation requirement in American Institutions.

CCS 150. Critical Issues in Chicana Studies (3)

Critical themes in Chicana feminist scholarship: power and resistance; work, family, and culture; cultural representations and presentations; social and biological reproduction.
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CS 200. Intermediate Expository Research and Writing (3) [GE]
Especially designed for bilingual/bicultural students.
Prerequisites: Satisfaction of the English Placement Test and Writing Competency requirements and Chicana and Chicano Studies 111B or Africana Studies 120 or American Indian Studies 120 or English 100 or Linguistics 100 or Rhetoric and Writing Studies 100 or 101. Proof of completion of prerequisites required: Test scores or verification of exemption; copy of transcript.

CS 201. Intermediate Náhuatl I (4) [GE]
Four lectures plus laboratory.
Prerequisite: Chicana and Chicano Studies 102.
Further development of reading, writing, listening, and speaking skills in Náhuatl, with emphasis on language used in everyday conversations and reading of historical texts.

CS 296. Experimental Topics (1-4)
Selected topics. May be repeated with new content. See Class Schedule for specific content. Limit of nine units of any combination of 296, 496, 596 courses applicable to a bachelor’s degree.

UPPER DIVISION COURSES
(Intended for Undergraduates)

CS 301. Political Economy of the Chicano People (3) [GE]
Political and economic roots of the oppression and exploitation of the Chicano from historical, institutional and theoretical points of view. Parallels between the experience of the Chicano and other Hispanic groups.

CS 303. Chicana and Chicano Community Studies (3) [GE]
Chicana and Chicano communities from a comparative perspective. Systematic inquiry into methods and issues in community studies. Contemporary social, institutional, and political affairs.

CS 306. Mexican Immigration (3)
Migration from Mexico in the context of US immigration history and policies. Comparative study of political, economic, and cultural factors. Undocumented immigration and current US law.

CS 310. Mexican and Chicano Music (3) [GE]
(Same course as Latin American Studies 310)
Prerequisite: Completion of the General Education requirement in Foundations of Learning I.I.C., Humanities required for nonmajors.
Music of Mexico and the Southwest including folk dances appropriate for children and adults. Emphasis on the corrido, its history and development in Mexico and the United States. Course will be taught bilingually.

CS 320. Chicana and Chicano Lifestyles (3) [GE]

CS 335. Chicana and Chicano Literature (3) [GE]
(Same course as English 335)
Prerequisite: Completion of the General Education requirement in Foundations of Learning I.I.C.; Humanities required for nonmajors.
Ideas, forms, history of significant Chicana and Chicano prose, poetry and other literary genres.

CS 340A. Gender, Sex, and Politics in Colonial Mexico (3)
Prerequisite recommended: Chicana and Chicano Studies 141A or 350A.
History of Mexican women under Spanish colonial rule. Women's agency and diversity of experiences, as they relate to class, race, religion, and sexuality. Non-heteronormative (LGBTQ) sexualities.

CS 340B. Chicana Women's History: 1848-Present (3)
Prerequisites recommended: Chicana and Chicano Studies 111B and upper division standing.
History of Chicanas in the United States from 1848 to present focusing on impact of Mexican American War, important female historical figures, and issues related to race, class, religion, and sexuality.

CS 350A-350B. Chicana and Chicano History (3-3) [GE]
(Same course as Latin American Studies 355)
Prerequisites: Upper division standing; and completion of the General Education requirement in Foundations of Learning I.I.B., Social and Behavioral Sciences required for nonmajors.
Semester I: Review of indigenous origins; Hispanic institutions and northward expansion; the Mexican Republic; attention to women's socioeconomic status and significance. Semester II: US encroachment and the US-Mexican War; Chicana and Chicano contributions; the multilingual and multicultural Southwest.

CS 355. The United States-Mexico International Border (3) [GE]
(Same course as Latin American Studies 360)
History, culture, economics, and politics of US/Mexico border region, theories and policy issues surrounding development of region; local regional problems and major agencies, institutions, organizations addressing these problems.

CS 376. Chicana and Chicano Culture and Thought (3) [GE]
Prerequisite: Completion of the General Education requirement in Foundations of Learning I.I.C., Humanities required for nonmajors.
Intellectual history of Chicanas and Chicanos as a synthesis of different cultural traditions and perspectives. Philosophical concepts from pre-Cortesian times to the present.

CS 380. US/Mexico Borderlands Folklife (3) [GE]
(Same course as Latin American Studies 380)
Prerequisite: Completion of the General Education requirement in Foundations of Learning I.I.C., Humanities required for nonmajors.
Recommended: Chicana and Chicano Studies 110.
Border folklore, its complexities and dynamics via myths, rituals, legends, sayings, corridos (ballads), and literature of Chicanos and Mexicanos in the US-Mexican border region.

CS 396W. Chicana and Chicano Prose (3)
Prerequisite: Satisfies Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement for students who have completed 60 units, completed Writing Placement Assessment with a score of 8 or higher (or earned a C or higher in RWS 280, 281 or LING 281 if score on WPA was 7 or lower); and completed General Education requirements in Composition and Critical Thinking. Proof of completion of prerequisite required: Test scores or verification of exemption; copy of transcript.
A writing workshop. Mutual criticism. Exploration of new form and content in Mexican American prose. Maximum credit six units.

CS 400. Mexican Images in Film (3) [GE]
(Same course as Latin American Studies 400)
Prerequisite: Upper division standing and completion of the General Education requirement in Foundations of Learning I.I.C., Humanities required for nonmajors.
CS40. Capstone: Critical Discourse in Chicana and Chicano Studies (3)
Prerequisites: Senior standing. Open only to Chicana and Chicano Studies majors.
Ethical and substantive issues and themes pertinent to borderland communities in the US-Mexican region.

CS 450. Chicanos and Chicanas and the Schools (3)
Prerequisite recommended: Chicana and Chicano Studies 110.
The Chicana and Chicano child’s experience in the school system from preschool through high school with emphasis on social, intellectual and emotional growth and development.

CS 454. United States-Mexico Transborder Populations and Globalization (3)
Prerequisite: Upper division or graduate standing.

CS 595. US/Mexico Border Field Experience (3)
Prerequisites: Six upper division units in Chicana and Chicano studies or graduate standing. Working knowledge of Spanish and consent of instructor.

CS 596. Topics in Chicana and Chicano Studies (1-3)
Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.
Advanced topics in Chicana and Chicano studies. May be repeated with new content. See Class Schedule for specific content. Limit of nine units of any combination of 296, 496, 596 courses applicable to a bachelor’s degree. Credit for 596 and 696 applicable to a master’s degree with approval of the graduate adviser.