



Why choose Chicana and Chicano studies at Cal State Fullerton?

Cal State Fullerton's Chicana and Chicano Studies Department offers an outstanding interdisciplinary education. Highlights of our program include the following:

Great Credentials – We have developed a challenging curriculum that is especially relevant in our growing multicultural society. Increasingly, public and private employers are recognizing the need for professionals who can relate to Chicano and other Latino populations. A number of employers have expressed a sincere interest in hiring well-rounded individuals with marketable skills, and who have an in-depth knowledge relating to these communities. The Department of Chicana and Chicano Studies takes great pride in preparing graduates who can fulfill these criteria.

Exciting Classes – Our department offers challenging course work that explores: racial politics; history, education, literature, law and immigration, civil rights, feminism, socio-economics, the Chicano family, art, music and film. Particular emphasis is given to other Latino cultures in the United States. Students emerge from this challenging major armed with powerful analytical tools, a strong expertise in subject matter, and a new found appreciation for the complexity of the Chicano experience. Frequently, our students conduct important research under the supervision of our superb faculty. Several classes offer students exciting opportunities to internationalize their educational experience. Some seminars also provide students with the chance to strengthen local communities through service-learning internships. Finally, course work and learning are continually reinforced through technology-based assignments that encourage students to hone their computer skills and become Internet savvy.

Outstanding Faculty – Our faculty members are internationally-recognized scholars who hold doctorate degrees from prestigious universities and are eager to share their enthusiasm about the field of Chicana and Chicano studies.

Excellent Jobs After Graduation – Our graduates are very well prepared to excel in a variety of areas. Many have found rewarding careers as teachers (K-12), counselors, social workers, police officers, community organizers, and work in various local, state and federal agencies. Several alumni have also gone on to study at prestigious professional schools of business and law, as well as graduate programs in history, political science, anthropology, sociology and ethnic studies. We look forward to having you learn more about the extraordinary opportunities that await you as a Chicano Studies major at Cal State Fullerton.

Chicano Resource Center – The center provides for the academic, research and cultural interests of students, staff and faculty members. The Chicano Resource Center also assists in the advancement of the intellectual and cultural improvement of our students and fosters a broad and inclusive interest in learning. The center is located in Pollack Library rooms 170 and 171.

Who is a Chicano studies student?

A Chicana and Chicano studies student is usually a person who is intelligent, thoughtful and compassionate about the understanding of humankind. The program offers holistic, evolutionary and cross-cultural perspectives. Many students choose to concentrate on a particular area of interest, thereby tailoring their learning to meet a specific need.

What courses are required?

The Bachelor of Arts in Ethnic Studies with an option in Chicano Studies requires a total of 36 units, which consist of six units of lower-division core courses, a minimum of 24 units of upper-division courses, and a minimum of 12 units in the area of electives.

Lower-Division Core Courses (6 units)

Chicana/o 106 Intro to Chicano Studies (3 units)

Chicana/o 220 Mexican Heritage (3 units)

Upper-Division Courses (24 units minimum)

Required Courses (9 units)

Choose from the following selected courses:

Chicana/o 330 Evolution of Mexican Literature (3 units)

Chicana/o 331 The Chicano Child (3 units)

Chicana/o 340 Mexican Intellectual Thought (3 units)

Chicana/o 345 History of the Chicano (3 units)

Chicana/o 353 Mexico Since 1906 (3 units)

Upper-Division Writing Requirement (3 units)

English 301 Advanced College Writing (3 units)

OR Chicana/o 400 Research and Writing in Ethnic Studies

Electives (12 units minimum)

Chicana/o studies electives cover a variety of subjects, all of which are in some way related to the Chicana/o studies program. Choosing elective courses that appeal to their own interests, students are able to specialize in specific areas or experience a wide variety of interesting subjects.

Chicana/o 101 Introduction to Ethnic Studies (3 units)
 Chicana/o 102 Communication Skills (3 units)
 Chicana/o 190 Survey of American History with Emphasis on Ethnic Minorities (3 units)
 Chicana/o 302 Ancient Mexican Culture (3 units)
 Chicana/o 303 Cultural Differences in Mexico and the Southwest (3 units)
 Chicana/o 304 Music of Mexico (3 units)
 Chicana/o 305 The Chicano Family (3 units)
 Chicana/o 306 Barrio Studies (3 units)
 Chicana/o 313 La Chicana (3 units)
 Chicana/o 315 Chicano/Latino Theater (3 units)
 Chicana/o 316 The Chicano Music Experience (3 units)
 Chicana/o 330 Evolutions of Mexican Literature (3 units)
 Chicana/o 331 The Chicano Child (3 units)
 Chicana/o 332 The Chicano Adolescent (3 units)
 Chicana/o 333 Mexican Literature Since 1940 (3 units)
 Chicana/o 336 Main Trends in Spanish-American Literature (3 units)
 Chicana/o 337 Contemporary Chicano Literature (3 units)
 Chicana/o 340 Mexican Intellectual Thought (3 units)
 Chicana/o 345 History of the Chicano (3 units)
 Chicana/o 353 Mexico Since 1906 (3 units)
 Chicana/o 360 Chicanos and the Law (3 units)
 Chicana/o 450 The Chicano and Contemporary Issues (3 units)
 Chicana/o 460 The Chicano and Politics (3 units)
 Chicana/o 480 The Immigrant and the Chicano (3 units)
 Chicana/o 499 Independent Study (1-3 units)

Is a minor available in Chicano studies?

To receive a minor, students must complete 24 units in Chicana/o studies that include:

Required Lower-Division Courses (6 units)

Chicana/o 106 Intro to Chicano Studies (3 units)
 Chicana/o 220 Mexican Heritage (3 units)

Required Upper-Division Courses (9 units)

Choose from the following:

Chicana/o 330 The Evolution of Mexican Literature (3 units)
 Chicana/o 331 The Chicano Child (3 units)
 Chicana/o 340 Mexican Intellectual Thought (3 units)
 Chicana/o 345 History of the Chicano (3 units)
 Chicana/o 353 Mexico Since 1906 (3 units)

Electives (9 units)

This course work is from both lower-and upper-division classes, which are selected with the assistance of an adviser.

Is there a teaching credential program?

The Department of Chicana and Chicano Studies offers course work leading to a CSUF Single Subject Matter Preparation Program in Social Science. It also participates in the Multiple Subject Matter Preparation Program. Information on requirements is available from the Department of Chicana and Chicano Studies adviser or the Center for Careers in Teaching at (714) 278-7130 or at www.fullerton.edu/cct. Students interested in exploring careers in teaching should contact the above offices to get assistance in planning their academic study plan.

What student activities can I join?

Chicano student organizations include MEChA (Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlán), the Independent Latino Student Association (ILSA), the Mexican-American Engineering Society and MESA Cooperativa. These student organizations sponsor educational forums, cultural programs and community involvement.

Students are also encouraged to participate in several co-curricular activities sponsored by the department and the Chicano/Latino Faculty and Staff Association. These activities include special lectures on a diversity of topics and a distinguished Chicano lecture program. There is also a Latino/Latina College Leadership Institute and an annual Chicano/Latino Graduation Banquet.

What kind of financial aid is available?

The Chicano/Latino Faculty and Staff Association offers scholarships available to Chicana/o studies students. For more information, call the department office at (714) 278-3731. The university also offers many types of financial aid including loans, grants and scholarships that are available to Chicano students, as well as the general student body. To find out more, call the Office of Financial Aid at (714) 278-3125.

Who advises me?

Our undergraduate adviser will answer your questions about the Department of Chicana and Chicano Studies. Call our office to get the phone number for this year's adviser, or visit our website to learn more about the Chicano Studies degree. If you follow our program outline and meet with your adviser regularly, you will stay right on schedule.

How can I learn more?

Visit the Department's website at <http://hss.fullerton.edu/chicano> to learn more about our faculty members, courses, graduation requirements and information about the field of Chicana and Chicano studies. We also suggest that you visit us in person to speak with an adviser. The address is: Department of Chicana and Chicano Studies, California State University, Fullerton, Humanities 314, Fullerton, CA 92834-6868, or you can call (714) 278-3731.