What can I do with a degree in Chicano/Latino studies?

With our ever shrinking global society, there are many career opportunities available for students with expertise in Chicano/Latino studies. Opportunities 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 a significant portion of business activities in the U.S. and 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 or professional school 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 culture.
Suggested curriculum for a Chicano/Latino studies major

**Freshman**¹ (12 to 16 units per quarter)
- Lower Division Writing (two courses)
- Chicano/Latino Studies 61, 62, 63²
- General Education II or IV (three courses)
- Spanish 2A³ or its equivalent
- Social Science 3A
- Social Sciences introductory course

**Sophomore** (16 units per quarter)
- Social Science 10A-B-C or Math 2A-B-7
- Social Sciences introductory course
- General Education II or IV (three courses)
- General Education VIII and IX

**Junior** (16 units per quarter)
- Chicano/Latino Studies 101
- Chicano/Latino Studies 102
- Comparative Ethnic Studies Course or Education 124 (one course)
- Four upper division Chicano/Latino Studies electives⁴
- Three Chicano/Latino Studies electives (two must be upper division)³

**Senior** (16 units per quarter)
- Electives⁵

¹Students should move from a 12 to 16 unit work load sometime in first year, when comfortable with the change.

²These courses can meet the General Education VII requirement.

³Students are encouraged to continue their Spanish language education through Spanish 2C.

⁴Each course must be completed in a separate category selected from the following six: Literature, Arts, Media, Culture (Chicano/Latino Studies 110-129); History (Chicano/Latino Studies 130-139); Society, Labor, Politics, Law, Gender, Race, Ethnicity (Chicano/Latino Studies 140-159); Globalization, Transnationalism, Immigration, U.S.-Mexico Border (Chicano/Latino Studies 160-169); Health, Medicine, Psychosocial Dynamics (Chicano/Latino Studies 170-179); Educational Policy and Issues (Chicano/Latino Studies 180-189).

⁵Electives may include Independent Study courses (Chicano/Latino Studies 199). Students may obtain credit for one of these three courses through participation in a study abroad program in Mexico. Students must consult with the Program office for additional information regarding this option. Field research can meet the General Education IX requirement.

Opportunities in Chicano/Latino studies at UC Irvine

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

**Honors Program**
Are you 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. Learn more online at www.socsci.uci.edu/clstudies/majorminor.

**Chicano/Latino Studies Minor**
Are you 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. Learn more online at www.socsci.uci.edu/clstudies/majorminor.

**Certificate Program**
The department offers three certificates in history and culture, social policy and issues, and Chicano/Latino community in a global context. Learn more online at www.socsci.uci.edu/clstudies/certificate_program.

**Scholarship Opportunities**
In addition to the UC Irvine and School of Social Sciences scholarship opportunities, the Chicano/Latino studies department offers several major specific scholarships to its undergraduate students. Learn more online at www.socsci.uci.edu/clstudies/majorminor.

**Casa Cesar Chavez**
This department-sponsored academic theme house provides residents with a variety of educational, social, and cultural activities. Learn more online at www.socsci.uci.edu/casachavez.

**Undergraduate Counseling Office**
The Social Sciences Undergraduate Counseling 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 Counseling Office online at www.socsci.uci.edu/ugs 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.