

major in
CHICANO / LATINO STUDIES
University of California, Irvine

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

CAREERS

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; 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.



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**Times Higher Education*



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**US News & World Report*



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**Sierra Magazine*

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?



CLS major Jacqueline Rodriguez shows President Obama how to master the "Zot!" during the 2014 commencement ceremony.

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 electives⁵
- 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)

OPPORTUNITIES

In addition to the regular curriculum, Chicano/Latino Studies students have their choice of programs, clubs, and organizations to further their educations, both within the department and outside of it. These opportunities include:

- **HONORS PROGRAM**
- **CASA CESAR CHAVEZ**
- **MINOR**
- **CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS**
 - History and Culture
 - Social Policy and Issues
 - Chicano/Latino Community in a Global Context
- **SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS**
 - Jeff Garcilazo Scholarship Fund
 - Manuel N. Gomez Endowed Scholarship
 - Vicki L. Ruiz Award
 - Excellence in Chicano/Latino Studies Awards
- **GLOBAL CONNECT***
- **DEAN'S AMBASSADORS COUNCIL***

*Open to all majors

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
- Graduate and professional school information
- Information concerning honors
- Course substitutions
- Career and internship guidance

To set up an appointment, call 949.824.6803, or visit their website at www.undergrad.socsci.uci.edu/offices/studentaffairs.

ACADEMIC RESOURCE CENTER

The School of Social Sciences Academic Resource Center (SSARC) is a great starting point for information regarding internships, graduate school, and prospective careers.

Visit SSARC online at www.ssarc.socsci.uci.edu or call 949.824.8322 today to set up an appointment.



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.

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