Latin American Studies, Minor

DEPARTMENT

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BA in Chicano Studies, B.A.
MN in Chicano/Latino Studies, Minor
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Chicano and Latin American Studies (CLAS) is an interdisciplinary department that has been successful in presenting a highly informed, active, and challenging view of the Chicano/Latino experience in the United States and in U.S./Latin American relations. Chicano and Latin American Studies provides an opportunity for a pluralistic exchange of ideas in an interdisciplinary academic setting, where faculty, students, and visiting Chicano and Latin American scholars can share experiences and create a dynamic, intellectual environment.

The Chicano and Latin American Studies Department is designed to meet the following objectives:

1. to promote an awareness of the historical and cultural roots of Chicanos/Latinos in the United States
2. to enhance an understanding of Latin America
3. to cultivate an appreciation of ethnic and national differences among all people
4. to critically analyze the Chicano and the Latin American experience in terms of significant issues, theories, current problems, and solutions, and
5. to provide students with a set of important professional skills to be utilized as they interact creatively and constructively with Chicano/Latino communities and multicultural society at large.

The department emphasizes an interdisciplinary approach to the study of family life, history, politics, culture, and the arts of Chicano and Latin American communities. The courses reflect an integrated approach in providing students with greater knowledge and understanding of the social reality and diversity of Chicanos and Latin Americans.

REQUIREMENTS

Latin American Studies Minor Requirements
Students are encouraged to focus on an area of interest in Latin America, such as a country, region, or social issue affecting a particular region. The Latin American Studies Minor is an interdisciplinary program consisting of courses dealing with Latin America and the Caribbean with course offerings from several departments.

Lower division: CLAS 3, 70 (6 units)
Choose one of the following: HIST 3 or 8 (3 units)

Upper-division courses (12 units)
Select from CLAS 112, 114, 115, 180T*, 190*; AFRS 130T*; ARTH 173, 175; ECON 114, 178, 179, 181, 188T*; SPAN 125, 143, 145, 147, 148T*; GEOG 170T; HIST 145, 160, 162, 165, 166, 169T, 183; HUM 130; PHIL 132; PLSI 121, 126, 146T; WS 135

Total (21 units)

Minor Advising Notes
1. *Special topics or directed reading courses must have subject matter dealing with Latin America, the Caribbean, or must focus on issues affecting those areas.
2. Courses taken to complete major requirements cannot be double-counted for the minor.
3. Courses taken to complete General Education Integration requirements can be double-counted for the minor.
4. Other acceptable courses can be substituted to satisfy minor requirements with approval of your CLAS adviser.
FACULTY

The Chicano and Latin American Studies Department consists of faculty whose teaching and research expertise cover a broad spectrum, including anthropology, education, history, sociology, political science, Latin America, Latino literature, and the arts. The department is home to one of Central California’s premier Mexican folkloric dance programs, Los Danzantes de Aztlan. This performance troupe is the only group of its kind in the entire CSU system to be designated as an official representative of a CSU campus (Fresno). The offices of the department also serve as a resource center for many of the Chicano/Latino student organizations and as an information center for the community.

For faculty phone numbers and e-mail, see the campus directory.

For more on the faculty, see the faculty pages. The faculty pages are updated by the department or program.

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