Chicano Studies, B.A.

DEPARTMENT

BA in Chicano Studies, B.A.
MN in Chicano/Latino Studies, Minor
BA in Latin American Studies, B.A.
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REQUIREMENTS

Department of Chicano and Latin American Studies

Chicano Studies Major Requirements

Students are strongly encouraged to pursue a double major and can take the Chicano Studies either as a primary or secondary major. Chicano Studies majors and double majors are required to see a CLAS advisor during their first semester on campus.

1. Major requirements (33 units)
   Lower-division requirements (6 units)
   Basic Content: CLAS 3 or CLAS 5 (3 units)
   Latin America: CLAS 70 (3 units)

   Upper-division requirements (21 units)
   U.S.-Mexico Relations: CLAS 114 or CLAS 115 (3 units)
   Political and Economic Issues: CLAS 128 or CLAS 130 (3 units)
   Arts and Humanities: CLAS 100, CLAS 102W, CLAS 106 or CLAS 108 (see note 1) (3 units)
   Research Methods: CLAS 150 or CLAS 120 (3 units)
   Family and Gender: CLAS 141, CLAS 160 or CLAS 162 (3 units)
   Education: CLAS 143 (3 units)
   Community Service/Senior Project: CLAS 145S or CLAS 172S (see note 1) (3 units)

   Approved electives (6 units)
   Consult your advisor.

2. General Education requirements (48 units)

3. Other requirements (6 units)
   American Government and Institutions (PLSI 2), Multicultural and International (MI), and Upper-division writing

4. Sufficient elective units to meet required total units (varies)
   It is recommended that units in this area be utilized to complete a second major or minor. See Degree Requirements.

5. Total units (120)*
   * G.E. and MI courses can be double-counted with major requirements. See advisor for details. General Education also may be applied to the Chicano studies major: CLAS 9 in G.E. C1, and CLAS 3 or 5 in G.E. D2.

Advising Notes

1. Contact the department chair or CLAS advisor for list of approved electives. A maximum of 3 units from CLAS 106, 107, 108, 145, and 180T can be used to fulfill 3 units of electives, but students must secure proper and final approval from the department chair or CLAS advisor.
2. Consult your advisor or the Schedule of Courses to determine what CLAS courses also meet General Education requirements.
3. If the Chicano studies major is taken as a second major, CLAS courses taken to complete General Education Integration requirements also can be used to satisfy major requirements.
4. Chicano studies majors are not permitted to take CLAS courses by CR/NC grading (unless the courses are only offered on that basis).
5. General Education and elective units may be used toward a double major or minor (see double major or other departmental minor). Consult the appropriate department chair, program coordinator or faculty advisor for further information.

6. Students who are planning to do graduate work in Chicano or Latin American studies are advised to study Spanish and/or Portuguese.

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, Latinx literature, and the arts. CLAS hosts the yearly Latin American Film Festival to bring Latin American films and filmmakers to the Central Valley. The department is home to one of Central California’s premier Mexican folkloric dance programs, Los Danzantes de Aztlán. 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 Chicanx/Latinx 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.