

What is Chicano Studies?

The Chicano Studies program focuses on the social, historical, and cultural experience of the Mexican and Latino populations in the United States. The core courses introduce historical and literary methodologies and perspectives that represent the early colonial conquest and the assimilation of Indians and African slaves into the new societies of the Caribbean, Mexican, Central and South American peoples. Students explore germinal texts that portray the history of Cuba and Puerto Rico as well as the Mexican colonial history of the Southwest from 1598 to the present. The program allows flexibility in pursuing related work in Latin American studies, women's studies, and Spanish studies. Students are encouraged to develop interests in other disciplines in order to pursue double majors.

What are the major requirements?

Go to www.catalogs.umn.edu/programs.html and select "undergraduate majors."

How do I declare a Chicano Studies major?

You will be required to declare a major by the time you have completed 60 credits.

1. Talk with someone from the department: an adviser, a professor, or a teaching assistant, to learn more about the major and its requirements.
2. When you decide upon a Chicano Studies major, meet with the appropriate person from the department to complete a Major Program form.
3. Bring a copy of the form to your CLA student community.
4. If you decide to change your major, contact your CLA student community to learn more about your new major's declaration process.

What can I do with a major in Chicano Studies?

Skills

Chicano Studies majors develop skills that are applicable to a wide variety of careers.

These skills include:

- Verbal and written communication skills
- Historical and cultural understanding
- Ability to formulate clear and persuasive messages
- Listening, clarifying, questioning and responding skills
- Ability to work well with diverse groups

Employment

Common areas of employment for this major include but are not limited to:

- Government—public information, campaigns, research, elected official
- Law—litigation, advocacy, lobbying
- Social Service—social work, advocacy, program development
- Business—marketing, human resources, sales, consulting, recruiting

For more information:

About the Chicano Studies major:

Undergraduate Advising
19 Scott Hall
(612) 624-6309
<http://chicano.umn.edu/>

About CLA requirements, graduation, and other information about majors:

CLA Society and Culture
Student Community
122 Johnston Hall
(612) 624-2549
<http://sandc.class.umn.edu/>

or

CLA Martin Luther King, Jr.
Program
19 Johnston Hall
(612) 625-2300
<http://www.class.umn.edu/mlk/mlk@class.cla.umn.edu>

About careers, internships, and community learning opportunities in this major and others:

Career and Community
Learning Center
135 Johnston Hall
(612) 624-7577
www.cclc.umn.edu/
cclc@class.cla.umn.edu

About graduation with honors:

CLA Honors Division
20 Nicholson
(612) 624-5522
www.honors.class.umn.edu/
honors@class.cla.umn.edu

- Education—teaching, research, student affairs
- Nonprofit—fundraising, programming, management

Today's workplace requires individuals with interpersonal skills, the ability to communicate effectively, an ability to solve problems, and adaptability. CLA graduates find that they are well-prepared in all these areas and that their education—especially when combined with experience gained through internships, volunteer positions, past jobs, and other collegiate involvement—makes them competitive.

The **Career & Community Learning Center** provides students with the tools to identify and pursue potential careers. An extensive resource room, career courses and workshops, and a helpful staff are just some of the ways we can help.

Remember!

You have not declared a major until you have:

- completed a Major Program form with your major adviser,
- filed a copy with the major department,
- and filed a copy with your CLA student community.

Don't forget: keep a copy for yourself!