Twin Cities Campus

Chicano-Latino Studies B.A.

Chicano & Latino Studies

College of Liberal Arts

- Program Type: Baccalaureate
- Requirements for this program are current for Spring 2020
- Required credits to graduate with this degree: 120
- Required credits within the major: 36 to 37
- Degree: Bachelor of Arts

The program's curriculum explores the dimensions of race, ethnicity, culture and identity, gender, and class in the United States, both historically and in contemporary times. Chicano-Latino studies majors take courses offered in two broadly defined fields of study, humanities and social science. Humanities content includes courses designed to increase awareness of Chicana/o culture, as well as intellectual, aesthetic, literary, historical, ethical, and human values. Social science content includes courses that analyze social institutions and how they affect the individual, as well as emphasize contemporary Chicana/o issues as they relate to the larger society. Areas of study include political science, anthropology, economics, sociology, and history. The bachelor of arts degree in Chicano-Latino studies is designed to meet the needs of students preparing for careers serving Chicana/o-Latina/o constituencies and to prepare students for graduate and advanced professional study in programs in which a minority affairs focus would be an asset. The program allows students the flexibility of pursuing work in related fields, such as Latin American studies, Spanish studies, Women's studies, and American studies. Double-majors are encouraged.

Program Delivery

This program is available:

- via classroom (the majority of instruction is face-to-face)

Admission Requirements

For information about University of Minnesota admission requirements, visit the Office of Admissions website.

General Requirements

All students are required to complete general University and college requirements including writing and liberal education courses. For more information about University-wide requirements, see the liberal education requirements.Required courses for the major or minor in which a student receives a D grade (with or without plus or minus) do not count toward the major or minor (including transfer courses).

Program Requirements

Students are required to take 4 semester(s) of Spanish (preferred).

CLA BA degrees require 18 upper-division (3xxx-level or higher) credits outside the major designator. These credits must be taken in designators different from the major designator and cannot include courses that are cross-listed with the major designator. The major designator for the Chicano-Latino Studies BA is CHIC.

Students should confer with faculty and their major advisor to select courses intended to meet their professional goals and intellectual interests. With prior approval from the department chair, up to 9 upper-division credits of coursework (approximately 3 courses) not on the electives list but related to the discipline may count towards the electives requirement. CHIC 1112 is foundational and should be completed during the first or second year. 3xxx-level courses offer more focused opportunities to examine history, society, culture, literature, and gender. Majors must also complete a senior paper.

A given course may only count towards one major requirement.

Students may earn a BA and a minor in Chicano-Latino studies, but not both.

At least 13 upper-division credits in the major must be taken at the University of Minnesota - Twin Cities campus.

All incoming CLA freshmen must complete the First Year Experience course sequence.

Core Courses

Take exactly 5 course(s) totaling 15 or more credit(s) from the following:

Introduction to Chicana/o Studies

Take 1 or more course(s) from the following:

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•CHIC 1112 - Paradigms in Chicana/o Studies [DSJ] (3.0 cr)

•Community and Advocacy

Take 1 or more course(s) from the following:

•CHIC 1275 *{Inactive}*[CIV] (3.0 cr)
•CHIC 3275 *{Inactive}*[CIV] (3.0 cr)
•CHIC 3374 - Migrant Farmworkers in the United States: Families, Work, and Advocacy [CIV] (4.0 cr)
•CHIC 5374 - Migrant Farmworkers in the United States: Families, Work, and Advocacy [CIV] (4.0 cr)

•Chicana Studies

Take 1 or more course(s) from the following:

•CHIC 3212 - Chicana Feminism: La Chicana in Contemporary Society [AH, DSJ] (3.0 cr)
•GWSS 3410 *{Inactive}*[AH, DSJ] (3.0 cr)

•Music, Art and Literature

Take 1 or more course(s) from the following:

•CHIC 3213 *{Inactive}*[AH, DSJ] (3.0 cr)
•CHIC 3507W - Introduction to Chicana/o Literature [LITR, DSJ, WI] (3.0 cr)
•ENGL 3507W - Introduction to Chicana/o Literature [LITR, DSJ, WI] (3.0 cr)

•History

Take 1 or more course(s) from the following:

•CHIC 3444 - Chicana and Chicano History I [HIS, DSJ] (3.0 cr)
•GLOS 3634 *{Inactive}*[HIS, DSJ] (3.0 cr)
•HIST 3444 - Chicana and Chicano History I [HIS, DSJ] (3.0 cr)
•CHIC 3446 - Chicana and Chicano History II: WWII, El Movimiento, and the New Millennium [HIS, DSJ] (3.0 cr)
or HIST 3446 - Chicana and Chicano History II: WWII, El Movimiento, and the New Millennium [HIS, DSJ] (3.0 cr)

Electives

With prior approval from the department chair, up to 9 upper-division credits of coursework not on the Electives list but related to the discipline may count towards the Electives requirement.

Take 18 or more credit(s) from the following:

1xxx-level Electives

Take at most 3 credit(s) from the following:

•CHIC 1102 - Latinos in the United States: Culture and Citizenship [HIS, DSJ] (3.0 cr)
or CHIC 1102H - Honors: Latinos in the United States: Culture and Citizenship [HIS, DSJ] (3.0 cr)
•CHIC 1275 *{Inactive}*[CIV] (3.0 cr)

•Upper-division Electives

Take 15 - 18 credit(s) from the following:

•CHIC 3213 *{Inactive}*[AH, DSJ] (3.0 cr)
•CHIC 3221 - Chicana/o Cultural Studies: Barrio Culture and the Aesthetics of Everyday Life [AH, DSJ] (3.0 cr)
•CHIC 3223 - Chicana/o and Latina/o Representation in Film [AH, DSJ] (3.0 cr)
•CHIC 3275 *{Inactive}*[CIV] (3.0 cr)
•CHIC 3352 - Transborder Theory: Global Views/Borderland Spaces (3.0 cr)
•CHIC 3375 - Folklore of Greater Mexico [DSJ] (3.0 cr)
•CHIC 3452 - Chicanx/LatinX Indigeneity [DSJ] (3.0 cr)
•CHIC 3672 - Chicana/o Experience in the Midwest [DSJ] (3.0 cr)
•CHIC 3771 - Latino Social Power and Social Movements in the U.S. (3.0 cr)
•CHIC 3888 - Immigration and the U.S. Latina/o Experience: Diaspora, Identity, and Community [HIS, DSJ] (3.0 cr)
•CHIC 3900 - Topics in Chicano Studies (3.0 cr)
•CHIC 3993 - Directed Studies (1.0 - 9.0 cr)
•CHIC 4275 - Theory in Action: Community Engagement in a Social Justice Framework [CIV] (3.0 cr)
•CHIC 5920 - Topics in Chicana(o) Studies (3.0 cr)
•CHIC 5993 - Directed Studies (1.0 - 3.0 cr)
•CHIC 3212 - Chicana Feminism: La Chicana in Contemporary Society [AH, DSJ] (3.0 cr)
or GWSS 3410 *{Inactive}*[AH, DSJ] (3.0 cr)
•CHIC 3216W - Chicana and Chicano Art [AH, CIV, WI] (3.0 cr)
or ARTH 3216W - Chicana and Chicano Art [AH, CIV, WI] (3.0 cr)
•CHIC 3374 - Migrant Farmworkers in the United States: Families, Work, and Advocacy [CIV] (4.0 cr)
or CHIC 5374 - Migrant Farmworkers in the United States: Families, Work, and Advocacy [CIV] (4.0 cr)
•CHIC 3412 - Comparative Indigenous Feminisms [GP] (3.0 cr)
or CHIC 5412 - Comparative Indigenous Feminisms [GP] (3.0 cr)
or AMIN 5412 - Comparative Indigenous Feminisms [GP] (3.0 cr)
or AMST 5412 - Comparative Indigenous Feminisms [GP] (3.0 cr)
or ANTH 5412 - Comparative Indigenous Feminisms [GP] (3.0 cr)
or GWSS 3515 - Comparative Indigenous Feminisms [GP] (3.0 cr)
•CHIC 3423 - Central American Revolutions (3.0 cr)
or HIST 3423 - Central American Revolutions (3.0 cr)
•CHIC 3425 - History of Modern Mexico (3.0 cr)
or HIST 3425 - History of Modern Mexico (3.0 cr)

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or HIST 3446 - Chicana and Chicano History II: WWII, El Movimiento, and the New Millennium [HIS, DSJ] (3.0 cr)
•CHIC 3507W - Introduction to Chicana/o Literature [LITR, DSJ, WI] (3.0 cr)
or ENGL 3507W - Introduction to Chicana/o Literature [LITR, DSJ, WI] (3.0 cr)
•CHIC 3752 *{Inactive}*[DSJ] (3.0 cr)
AMST 3752 *{Inactive}*[DSJ] (3.0 cr)
•CHIC 3852 - Chicana/o Politics [SOCS, DSJ] (3.0 cr)
or POL 3752 - Chicana/o Politics [SOCS, DSJ] (3.0 cr)
•CHIC 3862 - American Immigration History [HIS, DSJ] (3.0 cr)
or AAS 3862 - American Immigration History [HIS, DSJ] (3.0 cr)
or HIST 3862 - American Immigration History [HIS, DSJ] (3.0 cr)
•CHIC 4231 - Color of Public Policy: African Americans, American Indians, Asian Americans & Chicanos in the U.S. (3.0 cr)
or AAS 4231 - Color of Public Policy: African Americans, American Indians, Asian Americans & Chicanos in the U.S. (3.0 cr)
or AFRO 4231 - Color of Public Policy: African Americans, American Indians, Asian Americans & Chicanos in the U.S. (3.0 cr)
or AMIN 4231 - Color of Public Policy: African Americans, American Indians, Asian Americans, & Chicanos in the U.S. (3.0 cr)
•CHIC 4232 - Chicana/o - Latina/o Gender and Sexuality Studies [AH, DSJ] (3.0 cr)
or GLBT 4232 *{Inactive}*[AH, DSJ] (3.0 cr)
•CHIC 4401 - Chicana/Latina Cultural Studies [AH, DSJ] (3.0 cr)
or GWSS 4401 - Chicana/Latina Cultural Studies [AH, DSJ] (3.0 cr)

Capstone

Capstone projects are typically papers that engage with theories, concepts, and scholarship within the fields of Chican@ and Latin@ Studies and result in original research. Alternative projects are allowed, however, all projects must include a written component to illustrate proficiency in writing, and public presentation. We will cover a variety of topics including interdisciplinarity, methodology, research positionality, and essay composition.
Students who double major in CLA and choose to complete the capstone requirement in their other major may waive the Chicano-Latino Studies capstone, and they do not need to replace the 3 credits.
Take exactly 1 course(s) totaling exactly 3 credit(s) from the following:
•CHIC 4901W - Senior Paper [WI] (3.0 cr)

Upper Division Writing Intensive within the major

Students are required to take one upper division writing intensive course within the major. If that requirement has not been satisfied within the core major requirements, students must choose one course from the following list. Some of these courses may also fulfill other major requirements.
Take 0 - 1 course(s) from the following:
•CHIC 4901W - Senior Paper [WI] (3.0 cr)
•CHIC 3216W - Chicana and Chicano Art [AH, CIV, WI] (3.0 cr)
or ARTH 3216W - Chicana and Chicano Art [AH, CIV, WI] (3.0 cr)
•CHIC 3507W - Introduction to Chicana/o Literature [LITR, DSJ, WI] (3.0 cr)
or ENGL 3507W - Introduction to Chicana/o Literature [LITR, DSJ, WI] (3.0 cr)

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