

CHICANA/O AND LATINA/O STUDIES, CERTIFICATE

The Chicana/x/e and Latina/x/e Studies undergraduate certificate offers a systematic and interdisciplinary analysis of Mexican-, Caribbean-, and Latin-American-origin people, cultures, and collectivities in the United States and their transnational dimensions. The Chicana/x/e and Latina/x/e Studies major provides students with a broad knowledge base and the intellectual and practical tools to understand the diversity, unity, and complexity of those people and cultures as they explore the central questions and topics in this interdisciplinary field.

The certificate will be renamed. Through Summer 2027, students earn a certificate in Chicana/o and Latina/o Studies. Beginning in Fall 2027, the program will be the certificate in Chicana/x/e and Latina/x/e Studies.

Note: The endings “x” and “e” in “Chicana/x/e and Latina/x/e” represent two gender-neutral ways of referring to people of Latin American descent in the United States.

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To declare or cancel this certificate, please follow the process described on the Program’s website (<https://chicla.wisc.edu/undergraduate-certificate/>).

Students declared in the Chicana/x/e and Latina/x/e Studies major cannot also declare the certificate in Chicano/a and Latino/a Studies.

REQUIREMENTS

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Completion of the certificate requires a minimum of **15 credits** in Chicana/x/e and Latina/x/e studies.¹

Code	Title	Credits
Complete one Introduction Course:		
CHICLA 201	Introduction to Chicana/x/e and Latina/x/e Studies	3
Complete at least one additional course from the following list:		
CHICLA/AFROAMER/AMER IND/ASIAN AM 102	Introduction to Comparative US Ethnic, American Indian, and Indigenous Studies	
CHICLA/HISTORY 151	The North American West to 1850	
CHICLA/HISTORY 152	The United States West Since 1850	
CHICLA/HISTORY 153	Latina/Latino/Latinx History	

CHICLA/CURRIC 200	Chicana/x/e and Latina/x/e Education in the U.S.
CHICLA 210	Chicana/x/e and Latina/x/e Cultural Studies
CHICLA/SPANISH 215	Border and Migration Studies of Latinx America
CHICLA/SPANISH 222	Introduction to Latinx Cultures
CHICLA/POLI SCI 231	Politics in Multi-Cultural Societies
CHICLA/GEN&WS/HISTORY 245	Chicana and Latina History
CHICLA/HISTORY/LACIS/POLI SCI 268	The U.S. & Latin America from the Colonial Era to the Present: A Critical Survey
CHICLA/LACIS/SPANISH 282	Citizens of Photography
COUN PSY 225	Intersectionalities, Self Awareness, and Social Actions for Social Change
COUN PSY 230	Race and the Developing Child
CURRIC 240	Critical Aspects of Teaching, Schooling, and Education

Complete at least 9 credits of advanced courses: 9

CHICLA 301	Chicana/o and Latina/o History
CHICLA/POLI SCI 302	Mexican-American Politics
CHICLA/CURRIC 306	Latinx Literacies
CHICLA/GEN&WS/GEOG 308	Latinx Feminisms: Women’s Lives, Work, and Activism
CHICLA/ED POL 310	Latine Students in the U.S. Higher Education System
CHICLA 315	Racial Formation and Whiteness
CHICLA/CURRIC 321	Chicana/x/e and Latina/x/e Educational Justice
CHICLA 327	Topics in Chicana/x/e and Latina/x/e Literatures
CHICLA 328	Cultures and Histories Topics in Chicana/x/e & Latina/x/e Studies
CHICLA 329	Education and Service Topics in Chicana/x/e & Latina/x/e Studies
CHICLA 330	Topics in Chicano/a Studies
CHICLA/COUN PSY 331	Immigrant Health and Wellbeing
CHICLA/GEN&WS 332	Latinas: Self Identity and Social Change
CHICLA/GEN&WS 334	Feminist Social Movements Across the Americas
CHICLA/ED POL/LACIS 342	Education across the Americas: Empire, Capitalism, and Resistance
CHICLA/COM ARTS 347	Race, Ethnicity, and Media

CHICLA/ CURRIC 354	Race and Language in STEM and Environmental Education
CHICLA/ HISTORY/LACIS/ POLI SCI 355	Labor in the Americas: US & Mexico in Comparative & Historical Perspective
CHICLA/ SPANISH 364	Survey of Latinx/e Popular Culture
CHICLA/ ENGL 368	Chicanx/e and Latinx/e Literatures
CHICLA/ COM ARTS 419	Latinx/es and Media
CHICLA/ HISTORY/ POLI SCI 422	Latino History and Politics
CHICLA/ HISTORY 435	Colony, Nation, and Minority: The Puerto Ricans' World
CHICLA/ LEGAL ST/ SOC 440	Ethnicity, Race, and Justice
CHICLA/ LEGAL ST/ SOC 443	Immigration, Crime, and Enforcement
CHICLA/ ENGL 460	Black and Latinx in Literature and Visual Culture
CHICLA/ SPANISH 467	US Latinx/e Literature
CHICLA/ SPANISH 469	Topics in Latinx Culture
CHICLA/ SOC 470	Sociodemographic Analysis of Mexican Migration
CHICLA/ LAND ARC 475	Latino Urbanism: Design and Engagement in the American City
CHICLA/ SPANISH 478	Border and Race Studies in Latin America
CHICLA 501	Chicanx/e and Latinx/e Social Movements in the U.S.
CHICLA 520	Latinx Digital Publics
CHICLA/ COUN PSY 525	Dimensions of Latin@ Mental Health Services
CHICLA 530	Advanced Topics in Chicanx/e and Latinx/e Studies
CHICLA/ COUN PSY 590	Esperanza Community-Engaged Research with Latines
CHICLA 699	Directed Study ¹
GEN&WS/ PORTUG 460	Carmen Miranda
HDFS 474	Racial Ethnic Families in the U.S.
HISTORY/ AFROAMER 347	The Caribbean and its Diasporas

Total Credits**15**

¹ A maximum of 3 credits earned through a directed study course (CHICLA 699) can count toward the certificate. Pass/Fail courses don't count for the certificate.

RESIDENCE AND QUALITY OF WORK

- 8 credits in CHICLA or credits counting toward the certificate, taken in residence
- A cumulative 2.000 GPA in courses counting approved for the certificate

CERTIFICATE COMPLETION REQUIREMENT

This undergraduate certificate must be completed concurrently with the student's undergraduate degree. Students cannot delay degree completion to complete the certificate.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

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1. Identify and analyze core concepts, important social and political issues, and key artistic and cultural expressions related to Chicana/o and Latina/o life in the United States.
2. Discuss the histories of Chicanas/os and Latinas/os in the United States and their implications for contemporary problems of racialization, social stratification, colonialism, and oppression.
3. Describe the commonalities and differences among Chicanas/os and Latinas/os along lines of class, gender, race, sexuality, citizenship, and national origin, and evaluate Latinidad as a pan-ethnic category in the United States.
4. Analyze relations between Chicanas/os and Latinas/os in the United States and their countries of heritage from a transnational and transborder perspective.
5. Apply ideas from Chicana/o and Latina/o Studies to concrete problems through service-learning and community-based research, in a spirit of dialogue and reciprocal exchange informed by ethical and social justice principles.

ADVISING AND CAREERS

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Academic advising for the Chicana/o and Latina/o Studies certificate is available in the Student Advising Office. [Prospective and current certificate students must make an appointment with Rachelle Eilers, reilers@wisc.edu](mailto:reilers@wisc.edu), to discuss requirements, courses, and application to the certificate. Chicana/o and Latina/o Studies certificate recipients have enjoyed great success in fields including the health professions, social service, education, law, journalism, business, the arts, politics, and government service.

STUDY ABROAD

Learning in Letters & Science emphasizes discovery, growth, understanding different perspectives, and challenging yourself, which makes studying abroad an excellent fit for many L&S students: studyabroad.wisc.edu (<https://studyabroad.wisc.edu/>)

As a university with global influence, we have more than 300 study abroad programs (<https://studyabroad.wisc.edu/programs/>) in over 80 countries. These vary in length, academic focus, teaching format,

language requirements, cost, and level of independence. There are many programs to complement every major (<https://studyabroad.wisc.edu/academics/major-advising-pages-maps/#L&S>) and any year of college (including the final semester)—and all meet UW–Madison’s high academic standards. Students admitted into Letters & Science can even choose a short program in the summer before they start college or their whole first year: studyabroad.wisc.edu/launch (<http://studyabroad.wisc.edu/launch/>). Talk with your academic advisor about how studying abroad might fit with your academic plan.

SUCCESSWORKS

SuccessWorks (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/>) at the College of Letters & Science helps you turn the academic skills learned in your classes into a fulfilling life, guiding you every step of the way to securing jobs, internships, or admission to graduate school.

Through one-on-one career advising, events, and resources, you can explore career options, build valuable internship and research experience, and connect with supportive alumni and employers who open doors of opportunity.

- What you can do with your major (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/what-you-can-do-with-your-major/>) (Major Skills & Outcomes Sheets)
- Make a career advising appointment (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/make-an-appointment/>)
- Learn about internships and internship funding (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/finding-a-job-or-internship/>)
- Try “Jobs, Internships, & How to Get Them,” (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/canvas/>) an interactive guide in Canvas for enrolled UW–Madison students