INTRODUCTION TO THE MAJOR

Chicano and Latinx Studies is grounded in the decolonization and liberation projects of U.S. Latina/os and their allies in the civil rights, gender, and sexual liberation movements of the 1960s that continue through the present in new forms that address new conditions. We take seriously the knowledges, epistemologies and critical thinking produced by racially and sexually oppressed subjects, and endeavor to examine the entangled intersectionality of racialized sexuality, gender, and class in complex socio-historical processes.

The Chicano and Latinx Studies major and minor are offered by the Department of Ethnic Studies, which also offers a major and minor in Ethnic Studies as well as a minor in Race and the Law.

THE MAJOR CURRICULUM

Our courses on the U.S. Latinx experience contribute to the production of truly universal knowledges about the United States and an increasingly interconnected world beyond the limited scope of Eurocentric or other ethnocentric perspectives and disciplinary constraints. Courses in the program include the social sciences, geography, history, literature, visual cultural studies, performance arts, public policy, education, health, theater, film, media, religion, and philosophy. In addition, we offer practicum courses in creative writing, research methods, visual and performance arts and field studies/internship experience in various community organizations.

AMPLIFY YOUR MAJOR

- Enrich your studies with a summer minor in Race and the Law.
- Enrich your studies with a Summer Abroad course (CHICANO N180) in Barcelona or Mexico City.
- Get involved with community-facing student groups such as the La Raza Workers' and Tenants' Rights Clinic.
- Complete a senior honors thesis in the major.
**CHICANX LATINX STUDIES**

Bachelor of Arts

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### Design Your Journey

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<td>Explore your major</td>
<td>Meet with your major and college advisor to discuss your academic plan. Familiarize yourself with major and college requirements. Enroll in ETH STD 1AV: Introduction to Ethnic Studies.</td>
<td>Enroll in methods courses ETH STD 101A or ETH STD 101B. Focus on upper division requirements and electives. Review your degree progress with your major and college advisors. Ask the major advisors about the honors program.</td>
<td>Enroll in a full-time graduate program. Do a degree check to ensure you are on track to graduate. Complete any &quot;bucket list&quot; courses and remaining major, college, and campus requirements. Satisfy the CHICANO 197 field study requirement if you haven't done so already.</td>
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<td>Connect and build community</td>
<td>Get 31 mentoring with Berkeley Connect in Ethnic Studies. Find study groups, tutoring, and academic support at the Student Learning Center.</td>
<td>Attend Department of Ethnic Studies program events and attend an流产.</td>
<td>Join a professional association such as the National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies. Consider joining alumni groups like the Chicano Latinx Alumni Association and build your network as you prepare to graduate.</td>
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<td>Discover your passions</td>
<td>Discover new interests in a DeCal Freshman Seminar, L&amp;K 1, a student-run DeCal course. Attend the Undergraduate Research and Scholarships Fair in October. Visit the Ethnic Studies Library in Stephens Hall and explore its collections.</td>
<td>Planning a senior thesis or project? Apply to the Haas Scholars Program or SURF. Explore campus centers and institutes like the Center for Race &amp; Gender, Center for Research on Social Change, Institute for the Study of Societal Issues, Latinx Research Center and Oshering &amp; Belonging Institute.</td>
<td>Teach your own DeCal course. Undertake an optional honors thesis or independent study and submit your work to the Berkeley Undergraduate Journal. Keep pursuing your interests through a fellowship or gap year after graduation.</td>
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<td>Engage locally and globally</td>
<td>Attend the Calapalooza student activities fair and get involved with a student organization. Find service opportunities through the Public Service Center. Explore study, internship, and research abroad options with Berkeley Study Abroad.</td>
<td>Experience life at another UC or college on a field study internship.</td>
<td>Visit the Berkeley Career Engagement Center. Explore career connections and internship opportunities.</td>
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<td>Reflect and plan your future</td>
<td>Visit Berkeley Career Engagement and the Career Counseling Library. Sign up for Handshake and CareerMa. Explore career fields in the Career Connections Networking Series or a winter externship. Visit the Ethnic Studies website for career ideas after graduating.</td>
<td>Reflect on your education so far and continue to set goals for yourself. Discuss career options and goals with a Career Educator. Think about doing an internship and attend an internship fair. Learn about graduate and professional school. See Step-by-Step for planning help.</td>
<td>Update your resume and LinkedIn profile. Discuss post-graduate options with advisors and professors. Attend career and graduate school fairs like the &quot;Nonprofit, Education, and Public Service Career Fair.&quot; Utilize job board tools in your job search. Meet employers at Employer Info Sessions and On-Campus Recruiting. Ask professors and graduate student instructors for recommendation letters. Apply to jobs, graduate school, and other opportunities.</td>
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### WHAT CAN I DO WITH MY MAJOR?**

The Chicano Latina Studies major prepares students for incorporation into the world of work and for a wide range of advanced graduate work and/or professional training in various fields, such as teaching, counseling, law, journalism, marketing, community and housing development, radio and television, health and medicine, community and union organizing, social work, and positions in federal, state, and local governments as well as those at the city and county levels.

### Jobs and Employers**

- Administrative Coord., legal Services for Children
- CA State Govt., Assembly Member
- DOJ Accredited Rep., East Bay Sanctuary Covenant
- Director, Ronald E. McNair Scholars Pgm.
- Executive Asst., Chappellet Vineyard
- Executive Director of Public Safety and Transportation, Saint Mary's College
- Health Navigator, Ctr. for Human Development
- Project Specialist, UCSF Student Svcs. and Support Pgm.
- Specialist, Sacramento City College

### Graduate Programs**

- Counseling, Masters
- Education, Masters, PhD
- Law, JD
- Medicine, MD
- Public Administration, Masters
- Public Health, Masters
- Public Policy, Masters
- Social Work, Masters

Examples gathered from the First Destination Survey of recent Berkeley graduates.

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