

CHICANA/O AND LATINA/O STUDIES, B.A.

Objectives

The mission of the Department of Chicana/o and Latina/o Studies at Loyola Marymount University is to engage students in a transformative education that promotes a critical understanding of the complex and intersecting patterns of racial, sexual, class, and other systems of power and privilege that have historically and contemporarily shaped Chicana/o and Latina/o communities in the United States. The Department is built on an interdisciplinary curriculum that engages recent theoretical and methodological developments in the discipline of Chicana/o and Latina/o Studies. The Department fosters a socially and intellectually engaged environment that prepares students as leaders in a society which is increasingly diverse and which requires expertise about racial, ethnic, class, political, and social differences.

Chicana/o and Latina/o Studies Student Learning Outcomes

At the end of a course of study, in the major or minor in Chicana/o and Latina/o Studies, students will be able to:

- Interpret, define, and evaluate historical and contemporary information about and representations of Chicana/os and Latina/os;
- Use and apply humanistic, scientific, and/or social science methods, in overlapping methods as appropriate, to arrive at their understandings of Chicana/os and Latina/os;
- Engage recent theories, methodologies, ideas, and developments central to the discipline of Chicana/o and Latina/o Studies, including interdisciplinary methods and multidisciplinary approaches;
- Value engaged learning, life-long education, and leadership for social justice.

Major Requirements

Code	Title	Semester Hours
Lower Division Requirements		
CLST 1116	Introduction to Chicana/o-Latina/o Studies	4
CLST 2100	Interdisciplinary and Intersectional Methods	4
Subtotal		8
Upper Division Requirements		
Critical Explorations: 4 semester hours per category: History, Media & Visual Culture, Social Science, and Language & Literature		16
Specialization: 4 additional semester hours from Critical Explorations or an upper division non-CLST cross-listed course		4
CLST 5001	Capstone Research (Fall)	1
CLST 5002	Advanced Critical Methods (Fall)	4
CLST 5003	Capstone Seminar (Spring)	4
Subtotal		29
Total Semester Hours		37

Chicana/o and Latina/o Studies Model Four-Year Plan

The normal course load is 16 semester hours (4 classes). Note that core areas are suggested to provide a distribution of various disciplines every semester. Please be flexible implementing these suggestions, given your own interests and course availability. In four years, this plan meets all common graduation requirements.

Course	Title	Semester Hours
First Year		
Fall		
CLST 1116	Introduction to Chicana/o-Latina/o Studies	4
FFYS 1000	First Year Seminar	3-4
University Core		3-4
Elective		3-4
Semester Hours		13-16
Spring		
CLST 2100	Interdisciplinary and Intersectional Methods	4
RHET 1000	Rhetorical Arts	3-4
University Core		3-4
University Core		3-4
Semester Hours		13-16
Sophomore Year		
Fall		
CLST Critical Explorations		4
CLST Critical Explorations		4
University Core		3-4
Elective		3-4
Semester Hours		14-16
Spring		
CLST Critical Explorations		4
University Core		3-4
University Core		3-4
Elective		3-4
Semester Hours		13-16
Junior Year		
Fall		
CLST Critical Explorations		4
University Core		3-4
Upper Division Elective		3-4
Elective		3-4
Semester Hours		13-16
Spring		
CLST Specialization course in one area of Critical Explorations		4
University Core		3-4
Upper Division Elective		3-4
Elective		3-4
Semester Hours		13-16
Senior Year		
Fall		
CLST 5001	Capstone Research	1
CLST 5002	Advanced Critical Methods	4
University Core		3-4
Upper Division Elective		3-4
Upper Division Elective		3-4
Semester Hours		14-17
Spring		
CLST 5003	Capstone Seminar	4
University Core		3-4
Upper Division Elective		3-4

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Semester Hours	13-16
Minimum Semester Hours	106-129

Recommended Electives

For the purpose of providing our majors and minors with an interdisciplinary perspective, the Department recommends courses that include a Latina/o and/or critical race studies component. In consultation with the Department Chair, these may be counted towards the Specialization requirement in the major. These courses include, but are not limited to:

Code	Title	Semester Hours
HIST 1700	Colonial Latin America	4
HIST 1750	Modern Latin America	4
HIST 3702	Women in Colonial Latin America	4
HIST 4700	Early Mexico	4
POLS 3050	Critical Race Theory	4
SOCL 3221	Race and Ethnic Relations	4
SOCL 3231	Social Stratification	4
SOCL 3372	Sociology of U.S. Immigration	4
SPAN 4362	Latin American Cinema	4
SPAN 4475	Spanish of the United States	4
SPAN 4563		4
SPAN 4564		4
SPAN 4565		4
SPAN 4566		4
SPAN 4567	Latin American Women Writers	4
THST 3232	U.S. Latinx Theology	4
WGST 3300	Gender, Race, and the Graphic Novel	4
WGST 3301	Literature by Women of Color	4
WGST 3600		4
WGST 3800	Gender and Urban Geographies	4
WGST 4100	Sex, Trade, Trafficking	4