

Academic Program Assessment Plan:
Chicano Studies (minor)
College of Humanities and Social Sciences
Colorado State University-Pueblo

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The Relation of the Chicano Studies Program to the College Mission and Program Expectations.¹

The Chicano Studies minor advances the mission of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences to help students critically examine the social, cultural, and historical relevance of Chicanos within the United States, the region of the Southwest, Colorado and our local community. The program also provides elements of critical thinking, and tools to develop responsible citizenship, professionals in their respective fields, and to engage in intellectual and artistic pursuits. The Chicano Studies program also offers students a variety of interdisciplinary courses that complement majors in history, political science, business, sociology, social work, education, and language. These courses also offer a specialized preparation for graduate studies in law, humanities, and the social sciences. The interdisciplinary approach emphasizes history and cultural studies and selected courses provide the student with in-depth knowledge in specific aspects of the Chicano/a community in areas of psychology, sociology, social work, and civic engagement. The Chicano Studies minor helps students to individually design their courses to support their major field of study.

Chicano Studies minors are expected to “critically examine the social, historical, and cultural relevance of Chicanos with the United States and the region...to analyze the complexities of the Chicano identity...and examine and interpret how Chicanos have impacted the culture, politics and history of Southern Colorado, the great Southwest and the United States Borderlands.

Chicano Studies Program Description

The Chicano/a studies minor complements majors and careers in law, sociology, social work, languages, education, government, business and other disciplines. Courses offer unique undergraduate preparation for those who seek entrance to graduate studies in law, humanities or the social sciences. Students who plan to live and work in the American Southwest or aspire to careers that involve relations in the American continents are likely to be well served by Chicano/a Studies courses. The interdisciplinary approach emphasizes history and cultural studies, and selected courses provide the student with in-depth knowledge of specific aspects of the Chicano/a community.

¹ CHASS mission and program expectations from the 2018-19 CSU-Pueblo catalog

Chicano Studies Program Goals

Program Goals:

- To provide individual courses as well as a minor to fulfill the unique role and mission of Colorado State University-Pueblo.
- To offer an individually designed minor in support of students' majors.

Student Learning Outcomes

Students will be able to:

- Critically examine the social, historical, and cultural relevance of Chicanos within the United States and the US/Mexico borderlands
- Analyze the complexities of Chicano identity
- Evaluate the contributions of women within Chicano history
- Examine and interpret how Chicanos have impacted the culture, politics, and history of Southern Colorado.

Diversity Studies Certificate Program

The Diversity Studies Certificate Program is a 15-credit hour certificate program housed in the College of Humanities and Social Science (CHASS) under the directorship of the Chicano Studies and/or Women's Studies Coordinator. This certificate allows student to prepare for the cultural and social diversity of the world in which they will live and work. Students will also learn the process and value of social justice, equality, cultural awareness, and the history of exclusion and inclusion while implementing the proper frameworks for behaving toward others in regards to race, ethnicity, class, and gender. Upon completion of this certificate, students will have developed application based training alongside theoretical awareness, and practical knowledge to thrive in diverse environments. They will be better prepared to address their respective community's needs, and to assume leadership roles in their field of specialization with consideration to issues revolving around diversity and cultural awareness.

Student Learning Outcomes in Connection to Diversity Studies Certificate Program

- Illustrate the diverse approaches to and complexities of multiculturalism.
- Identify the ways in which minorities have shaped the culture, politics, and history of the United States.
- Demonstrate a critical understanding of ethnic, racial, gender, and class intersections from local, national, and global perspectives.
- Apply the basic concepts, theories and methods in gender, ethnic, and multicultural studies in local, national, and global contexts.