

CHICANO EDUCATION

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Minor

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UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM

The Chicano Education Program has a dual mission at Eastern Washington University. The program's first mission is to actively contribute toward enhancing the opportunity and participation of Chicanos/Latinos in higher education. This mission is achieved by actively recruiting Chicano/Latino students and providing support to help them have a positive and successful academic career at Eastern Washington University.

A parallel CEP mission is to contribute to EWU's goal toward addressing diversity by providing all students regardless of ethnicity with a Chicano Studies curriculum leading to a comprehensive understanding and appreciation of the Chicano/Latino community and relevant issues.

CEP is committed to staging initiatives that meet its dual mission. The Chicano Education Program is divided structurally into three distinct program components. These include the following:

Recruitment: The Chicano Education Program's student recruitment efforts focus on various activities aimed at encouraging Chicano/Latino students to pursue educational opportunities at EWU. Specific recruitment activities include visiting high schools and community colleges; staging university based student visitations; participating in educational and community career fairs; using the Spanish media (radio, television and newspapers) to disseminate information about educational opportunities at EWU, networking with Chicano/Latino community organizations and other recruitment-focused initiatives. In addition, CEP assists students transition into the university by contacting university offices and departments (i.e., Admissions Office, Financial Aid, Housing and Residential Life) on the student's behalf.

Support Services: The Chicano Education Program also provides a variety of academic and non-academic support services benefiting students. These include academic advising, scholarships and scholarship information, mentorship opportunities, cultural based initiatives, linkages for tutoring needs, a college orientation class and other student support services. CEP also assists students in becoming familiar with university regulations and practices. CEP advocates on the students' behalf with other university departments and offices.

The Chicano Education Program houses the CAMP program (College Assistance Migrant Program), which is designed to recruit and retain migrant students during their first year of college at EWU. The CAMP program provides an array of academic support services and financial assistance to CAMP participants.

Chicano Studies: CEP offers a Chicano Studies academic minor designed to provide all students regardless of ethnicity, a comprehensive understanding and appreciation of the Chicano/Latino community and relevant issues.

CEP's Chicano Studies offerings include lower and upper division coursework. The Chicano Studies minor provides students with a well-rounded understanding of the Chicano and Latino experience in the U.S. Specifically, the minor prepares students for the rapidly changing demographic trends in the U.S. and provides the knowledge and skills necessary to contribute to a racially and culturally diverse work environment. In tandem with this approach is a rigorous academic program of study that prepares students for graduate school, work, and beyond. While the minor is especially suited for those students applying to graduate school, seeking counseling or social services positions, business and community organizing; the minor is appropriate for all major fields of study. Chicanos and Latinos are now the largest minority group in the nation and the Chicano Studies minor will provide all students with an appreciation of the history, political, social, and cultural realities of Chicanos and Latinos in contemporary American society.

Please refer to the required courses and course descriptions segment for additional information about CEP's Chicano Studies curriculum offering.

Other CEP Activities: CEP maintains contact with both the Chicano and non-Chicano communities throughout the state of Washington. The program's outreach efforts include seminars, lectures and cultural and art exhibitions.

The program also publishes an electronic quarterly newsletter, *Q-VO*, which informs students and the community about CEP activities. On a national level, CEP actively participates with the National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies, a professional association which promotes research relevant to the Chicano community.

Required courses in the following program of study may have prerequisites. Reference the course description section for clarification.

MINOR

CHICANO-LATINO STUDIES MINOR (25 CREDITS)

The minor in Chicano-Latino Studies will provide all students regardless of ethnicity with a comprehensive understanding of the Chicano-Latino community through its Chicano Studies course offerings. Lower division courses such as Introduction to Chicano Culture, Latinos in Contemporary American Society and Chicano History encourage students to develop valid concepts and generalizations regarding Chicano/Latino issues. Upper division courses expand on aspects of the Chicano/Latino experience. These include Chicano-Latino Politics in America, Survey of Chicano Literature and Latina/o Communities in the United States: Field Research in Chicana/o-Latina/o Studies. The minor will enhance the academic preparation of students planning to teach at the secondary or elementary level or those who desire occupations as counselors or social service agents.

This minor does not meet a state of Washington endorsement.

Required Courses (25 credits)

- CHST 101 Introduction to Chicano Culture (5)
- or CHST 201 Latinos in Contemporary American Society (5)
- CHST 218 Chicano History (5)
- CHST 300 Survey of Chicano Literature (5)
- CHST 320 Chicano-Latino Politics in America (5)
- CHST 340 Latina/o Communities in the United States: Field Research in Chicana/o-Latina/o Studies (5)
- or CHST 499 Directed Studies: Field Research in Chicano Studies (5)

Total credits for above minor

25 credits

Chicano Studies Courses

Terms offered: fall, winter, spring, summer (FWSU). If no terms are indicated check with the department or EagleNET.

CHST 101 Introduction to Chicano Culture (5)
FWS
 [satisfies cultural and gender diversity university graduation requirement]

A study of Chicano culture providing an initial overview of its roots and conflicts. Specific components discussed are cultural identity, customs, language, psychology and the arts. (Cross-listed ANTH 161)

CHST 201 Latinas/os in Contemporary American Society (5)
 [satisfies cultural and gender diversity university graduation requirement]

The course examines the experience of the other Latinos (Hispanics) in the United States: Puerto Rican, Cuban American and Central Americans. The course presents a brief historical overview of their entrance in American Society and a demographic comparison of significant socio-economic variables of the groups. The primary focus of the course is to examine the social and cultural profile of the Puerto Rican, Cuban and Central American groups in the U.S. The course covers historical, social and cultural themes, which include the impact of American institutions on identity, culture, language, the family and the future implications of immigration from Latin America. (Cross-listed ANTH 201)

CHST 218 Chicano History (5) *FWS*
 [satisfies cultural and gender diversity university graduation requirement]

This course offers a study of Chicano history from the time of the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo in 1848, to the present. Specific themes discussed include the Mexican American War, the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo of 1848, the economic, political and social conditions after the Anglo-American conquest of the southwest, Mexican immigration to the U.S., Chicano labor history, the Chicano movement and other Chicano themes. (Cross-listed HIST 218)

CHST 230 Chicanas and Latinas in the United States (5)

Prerequisite: CHST 101 or permission of the instructor.

This course provides a description and analysis of the experience of Chicanas and Latinas in the United States. First, the course presents a review of Chicana studies scholarship and the evolution of Chicana feminist theory. Next, the course examines the historical, cultural, political and social-economic themes which define the experience of Chicanas/Latinas in the United States.

CHST 300 Survey of Chicano Literature (5) *alt*
Recommended: CHST 101 or 218.

This course offers students an overview of the historical development and current trends in Chicano Literature. The course focuses on the literary forms of poetry, novel and the short story. The class gives students an understanding of various theoretical approaches utilized in critically analyzing literary works. Students will be expected to read, discuss and apply theoretical techniques on specific Chicano literary works. (May be cross-listed ENGL 498)

CHST 310 Latinas and Latinos in the U.S. Media (5)

Prerequisites: CHST 101 or 218 or permission of the instructor.

This course surveys how Latinos and Latinas have been depicted in film, news, television and other media formats in the United States. The first section of the course examines Hollywood depictions of the Latino/a experience in the film industry from the early period of U.S. cinema to contemporary representations as well as the depiction of U.S. Latinos/as in Mexican cinema. The second section examines the depictions of Latinos/as in television and the news. Finally, the course presents the emergence of Chicano cinema from the early documentary to the full length dramatic feature.

CHST 320 Chicano-Latino Politics in America (5) *alt*

Recommended: CHST 101 or 218.

The purpose of this course is to study the political reality of Latinos in the United States: a heterogeneous group made up largely of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban American origin and others (Central and South Americans). The focus taken in this class is to look at the Latino population in terms of its orientation to the political system, its institutions and actors and their participation in the electoral process. The course will examine the political orientation of the Latino community towards power, authority, role of government and actions taken by governmental bodies and linkages to political participation. Overall, the goal of the course is for students to have a better understanding of the political experience of the second largest racial/ethnic group in the United States. (May be cross-listed GOVT 350)

CHST 330 Latino Immigration to the United States (5)

Prerequisites: CHST 101 or 218 or permission of the instructor.

This course is a historical overview of Latino immigration from Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean. Special attention is given to the largest Latino sub groups in the United States. This course examines the social phenomenon of labor migration and immigration from Latin America and places it in the context of political economic national inequalities. Themes covered in the course include the transnational character of Latino immigrants, the political economy of immigration, the social and cultural impact of immigrants in the U.S. Latino communities and the transnational economic links between the sending and receiving communities.

CHST 331 The Latino Family in the United States (5)

Prerequisite: CHST 101 or 218 or permission of the instructor.

This course presents an overview of the general direction of current scholarship on the Chicano/Latino family, with a special focus on basic familial structure and the dynamics of change. First, the course examines traditional interpretations and methodologies and suggests alternative theoretical perspectives. Second, the course examines research issues such as familism, machismo, gender roles, parenting, divorce, family violence, aging, immigration and family and public policy on family life.

CHST 340 Latina/o Communities in the U.S.: Field Research in Chicana/o Latina/o Studies (5)

The course is designed to accomplish three objectives. First it presents a typology of the diverse experience of Latina/o communities in the U.S. Second, it provides a critical review of theories and methods utilized in the study of the Chicano-Latino experience in the U.S. Third, it incorporates a field research component whereby students apply the theories and methods examined in the course.

CHST 396 Experimental Courses (1-5)

CHST 495 Internship/Practicum (1-5)

Prerequisite: permission of the instructor, department chair and college dean.

CHST 498 Chicano Experience (1-5) *FWS*

Chicano topics discussed from various disciplines including the humanities and social sciences.

CHST 499 Directed Study (1-5) *FWS*

Prerequisite: permission of the instructor, department chair and college dean.

An in-depth, independent research project.