CHICANA AND CHICANO STUDIES

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Undergraduate Degrees

Bachelor of Arts (BA)

Undergraduate Minors

Undergraduate Program

The Chicana/Chicano Studies Program (CCSP) employs a dual mission at Eastern Washington University (EWU). The program’s first mission is to significantly contribute toward enhancing opportunities for the participation of Chican@ and Latin@ students in higher education. This mission is achieved by vigorously recruiting Chican@ and Latin@ students, and providing the essential support needed for experiencing a positive and successful academic career at Eastern Washington University. A parallel CCSP mission is augmenting EWU’s goal in addressing diversity by providing all students, regardless of ethnicity, with a critical Chican@/Latin@ Studies curriculum resulting in a comprehensive and holistic understanding and appreciation of Chican@ and Latin@ communities. Furthermore, CCSP is committed to enacting initiatives that sustains the Program’s dual mission. The Chicana/Chicano Studies Program is therefore structurally divided into three distinct components.

Recruitment

The Chicana/Chicano Studies Program’s student recruitment efforts involve various activities aimed at encouraging Chican@ and Latin@ 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, utilizing Spanish media (radio, television and newspapers) to disseminate information about educational opportunities at EWU, networking with Chican@/Latin@ community organizations and other recruitment-focused initiatives.

Support Services

The Chicana/Chicano Studies Program also provides a variety of academic and non-academic support services for students. Such services include academic advising, scholarship information and awards, mentor relationships, culturally based initiatives, linkages for tutoring needs, a college orientation class and other related student support services. More specifically, the CCSP assists student transition into the university by advocating on the students’ behalf with other university departments and offices (i.e., Admissions Office, Financial Aid, Housing and Residential Life). Additionally, the CCSP assists students in becoming familiar with university regulations and practices.

The Chicana/Chicano Studies Program also 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 comprehensive and essential academic support services and financial assistance for CAMP student participants.

Chicana/Chicano Studies

The CCSP offers a Chicana/Chicano Studies academic minor designed to provide all students, regardless of ethnicity, a comprehensive, interdisciplinary, and critical understanding and appreciation of Chican@ and Latin@ communities. The CCSP focuses primarily on Chican@ and Latin@ historical experiences of colonization and neo-colonization, economic and cultural contributions to US society, and historical and contemporary struggles, movements, and strategies of resistance and survival.

The CCSP’s offerings include lower and upper division coursework. The Chicana/Chicano Studies minor provides students with an inclusive and interdisciplinary understanding of Chican@ and Latin@ experiences in the U.S. Specifically, the minor prepares students for the rapidly changing demographic trends in the U.S. and provides critical knowledge and skills necessary to contribute to an ethnically and culturally diverse society. In tandem with this approach, the CCSP offers a rigorous academic program of study that prepares students for graduate and professional schools and employment in community based organizations or the non-profit industrial complex. While the minor is especially suited for those students applying to graduate school, teaching in K-12, educational administration including counseling psychology, social services positions, business, educational, and community organizing, the minor is appropriate for all major fields of study given the discipline's interdisciplinary foundation. Chican@s and Latin@s are now the largest racial ethnic groups in the nation, and the Chicana/Chicano Studies minor will provide all students with an appreciation of the history, political, social, and cultural realities of Chican@s and Latin@s in contemporary U.S. society.

Please refer to the required courses and course descriptions section for additional information about CCSP’s curriculum.

Other CCSP Activities

CCSP is committed to networking and establishing contacts with all communities throughout the state of Washington with a particular focus on educational related issues, initiatives, and policies. CCSP’s outreach efforts include public seminars, lectures and cultural and art exhibitions. The Program also publishes and disseminates throughout the US an
Chicana and Chicano Studies Courses

CHST 101. INTRODUCTION TO CHICANO CULTURE. 5 Credits.
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.

CHST 196. EXPERIMENTAL COURSE. 1-5 Credits.
Experimental

CHST 197. WORKSHOP, SHORT COURSE, CONFERENCE, SEMINAR. 1-3 Credits.
Workshop, short course, conference.

CHST 199. DIRECTED STUDY. 1-5 Credits.
Directed Study

CHST 201. LATINAS/OS IN CONTEMPORARY AMERICAN SOCIETY. 5 Credits.
Cross-listed: ANTH 201.
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.

CHST 218. CHICANO HISTORY. 5 Credits.
Cross-listed: HIST 218.
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.

CHST 230. CHICANAS AND LATINAS IN THE U.S.. 5 Credits.
Pre-requisites: CHST 101 or ANTH 161.
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 296. EXPERIMENTAL. 1-5 Credits.
Experimental.
CHST 331. LATINO FAMILY IN THE U.S. 5 Credits.
Pre-requisites: CHST 101, CHST 218, ANTH 161, HIST 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.

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

CHST 396. EXPERIMENTAL COURSE. 1-5 Credits.
Experimental

CHST 398. SEMINARS. 1-5 Credits.
Seminars

CHST 420. READINGS IN DECOLONIZATION. 5 Credits.
Cross-listed: IDST 420.
Pre-requisites: IDST 101 and CHST 101 or ANTH 161.
This course grounds students in the theory and concepts of colonization, decolonization and indigenous peoples in America, with brief comparisons with global indigenous peoples and experiences. Through that theoretical understanding, students examine and formulate ways in which decolonization can impact and be integrated into indigenous lives and communities in a meaningful way.

CHST 495. INTERNSHIP/PRACTICUM. 1-5 Credits.
Pre-requisites: permission of the instructor, department chair and college dean.

CHST 496. EXPERIMENTAL COURSES. 1-5 Credits.
Experimental

CHST 498. SEMINAR. 1-5 Credits.
Chicano topics discussed from various disciplines including the humanities and social sciences.

CHST 499. DIRECTED STUDY. 1-5 Credits.
Pre-requisites: permission of the instructor, department chair and college dean.
An in-depth, independent research project.