

CHICANO/LATINO STUDIES

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DESCRIPTION

Chicano/Latino Studies is the interdisciplinary study of the historical, social, cultural, political and economic forces that have shaped and continue to shape the development of Americans of Latino origins and ancestry over the last 500 years. People of Chicano/Latino origin include a diverse population; these are communities who trace their ancestry to Mexico, Central America, South America and the Caribbean. This program's focus is on people of Latin American descent within the hemisphere, in particular within the United States. Courses in Chicano/Latino studies consider the intersections of race, ethnicity, class, gender and sexuality and how they affect the lives of Chicano/Latino people. The emphasis in these courses is on the experience of the Latinos as citizens, residents, both documented and not, of the United States and not in their countries of origin or descent.

The curriculum in Chicano/Latino studies provides a critical engagement, understanding and appreciation of the language, culture, literature, and creative (art, dance, drama, film, music) accomplishments of Chicano/Latino communities. Chicano/Latino studies contribute to many fields and are appropriate for anyone planning to work with diverse communities and cultures. Chicano/Latino studies draw from and are informed by the humanities and social sciences and prepare students for professional programs such as education, social work, medicine and law.

PCC courses in this area of study are designed to transfer with full credit to the Chicano/Latino Studies Certificate program at Portland State University. They will transfer to most other colleges and universities as elective credit. Students planning to transfer to a college or university other than Portland State University should see an adviser for additional information and guidance.