

## About the Minor

MSU's Chicano/Latino Studies Program (CLS) was created in 1997 to educate students about Latinas/os in the United States. Latino communities emerge out of past and present migration from Latin American coun-

"Participating in the CLS program was definitely a highlight of my undergraduate experience!"

- Gisela Leija,  
2011 MSU  
Graduate

tries, such as Cuba, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Mexico, and Puerto Rico, to name a few. Latino communities also have histories in the US that precede the Mexican-American War and the 1848 Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, which established the present-day border between Mexico and the US.

CLS is housed in the College of Social Science. Our interdisciplinary curriculum includes art, literature, and music. Our students have access to support services and professional development opportunities uniquely created for them. The MSU Chicano/Latino Studies Program also offers a PhD program, one of only a handful in the US.



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Chicano/Latino Studies at Michigan State University

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## Chicano/Latino Studies Program



## Minor in Chicano/Latino Studies

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## Benefits for Students

- Personalized advising
- Internships
- Peer mentoring
- Study abroad opportunities
- Community service
- Leadership development
- Research experience
- A supportive environment

Chicano/Latino Studies (CLS) aligns with other academic programs and degrees, and we assist students in coordinating the minor with their majors. General education courses, electives and core requirements may fulfill CLS requirements.

We help CLS students secure internships, plan for study abroad and apply for scholarships and graduate school. The CLS office, with its gathering space and welcoming atmosphere, is friendly, familiar, and student-centered. We care about the success of our students, and create an environment that contributes to that success.

Civic engagement is also central to our mission. CLS provides meaningful and exciting opportunities to serve communities through internships and mentoring work. CLS students develop leadership skills, and take active roles in contributing to CLS programming and visions for the future.

## Requirements for Minor (15 Credits)

### 1. Take CLS 201

### 2. Take three of the following courses:

**ENG 351** Readings in Chicano and Latino Literatures

**HDFS 442** Ethnic Families in America

**GSAH 230** Values/Experience/Difference\*

**HST 327** History of Mexican Americans in the US

**HST 383** The Caribbean

**HST 384** Modern Mexico

**PLS 304** Minority Politics

**SOC 215** Race and Ethnicity\*

**SOC 499** Social Issues and Change in Society\*

**SPN 350** Intro Reading Hispanic Lit

**SPN 412** Topics in Hispanic Cultures\*

**SPN 491** Topics: Literature of Hisp Caribbean\*

Both HST 383 and HST 384 may not be used to fulfill this requirement. This requirement may be fulfilled by other courses with a Chicano/Latino focus, if approved in advance by the Director of Chicano/Latino Studies.

\*These courses meet the requirement if 1/4 of the content is focused on Chicanas/os and US Latinas/os.

### 3. One of the following three options:

- CLS 493 or a supervised internship relevant to Chicano/Latino Studies.
- Directed study abroad/away relevant to Chicano/Latino studies.
- CLS 490: Independent Studies in CLS or a research experience relevant to Chicano/Latino studies.

A more detailed description of the minor requirements is available in the MSU Academic Programs Catalog:

[www.reg.msu.edu/AcademicPrograms](http://www.reg.msu.edu/AcademicPrograms)

## CLS Minor

The minor complements a number of majors. Students who plan graduate study related to the humanities or social sciences, or to pursue careers in education, social work, government or businesses that serve diverse communities may find the minor particularly appealing.

The minor is designed to help students to understand the multicultural dimensions of society; to gain a knowledge of Chicano/Latino scholarship and scholars; and to apply that knowledge to the study of Chicano/Latino communities and life. The minor:

- Focuses intensively on the histories and cultural production of different racial and cultural sub-groups of Latinos.
- Draws larger theoretical lessons from comparisons among these groups and between non-Latino populations.
- Seeks to articulate general principles that shape racial and ethnic relations.
- Explores how ethnic identity is constructed and reconstructed over time.
- Develops methodologies and principles that empower students to enhance leadership and human relations within diverse communities of peoples and conditions.

## Need more information?

For more information about the Undergraduate Minor or to schedule an appointment contact:

The Chicano/Latino Studies Program

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