

# CHICANA/O AND LATINA/O STUDIES, DOCTORAL MINOR

The Chicana/o and Latina/o Studies doctoral minor is being renamed Chicanx/e and Latinx/e Studies. Students will be able to earn a Doctoral Minor in Chicana/o and Latina/o Studies through the end of Summer 2026. Beginning in Fall 2026, the program awarded will be the Doctoral Minor in Chicanx/e and Latinx/e Studies.

In 2007, the University of Wisconsin–Madison Graduate School approved the Chicana/o and Latina/o Studies doctoral minor. It became the first such program to be offered in this field at UW–Madison as well as the University of Wisconsin System. The Chicana/o and Latina/o Studies minor program offers a comparative and transnational approach to the study of Mexican- and Latin-American-origin communities in the United States, including the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. The curriculum offers students the opportunity to study issues of race, ethnicity, class, gender, and sexuality from both historical and contemporary perspectives. The interdisciplinary program is designed to provide students with an extensive knowledge base and the intellectual tools to understand the unity and diversity of US Latinx/e populations. The primary objective of the program is to offer students a multidisciplinary, broad-based perspective on the study of those populations, as well as to introduce them to the central questions, topics, and applications within this field of inquiry. The program offers a variety of courses, some focusing on particular national-origin groups or specific academic disciplines, and others organized comparatively and across disciplinary boundaries.