

CHICANA/O AND LATINA/O STUDIES

The department-like unit of Chicana/Chicano and Latina/Latino Studies is being renamed to Chicana/x/e and Latina/x/e Studies in Summer 2026.

The Chicana/x/e and Latina/x/e Studies Program (CLS) offers a systematic and interdisciplinary analysis of Mexican- and Latin-American-origin people, cultures, and collectivities within the United States. The CLS certificate is designed to provide students with a broad knowledge base and the intellectual tools to understand the unity and diversity of U.S. Latina/x/e populations. The primary objective of the CLS program is to train students in the study of Chicana/x/es and Latina/x/es, as well as to introduce them to the central questions, topics, and applications that have emerged in this field of inquiry.

CLS offers a variety of courses, some focusing on particular national-origin groups or specific academic disciplines, and others organized around comparative topics or issues. We welcome you to join our academic community of learners.

Note: The endings "x" and "e" in "Chicana/x/e and Latina/x/e" represent two gender-neutral ways of referring to people of Latin American descent in the United States.