Bachelor of Arts Degree in Mexican American Studies

The Bachelor of Arts in Mexican American Studies is an interdisciplinary program integrating Mexican American studies with a specific liberal arts discipline. Majors are required to complete 39 semester credit hours from a prescribed program of study that must include 18 semester credit hours from one of eight concentrations: Anthropology; Communities, Families, and Children; History; Literary and Cultural Studies; Nonprofit Management; Political Science; Sociology; or Spanish.

The minimum number of semester credit hours required for this degree, including the Core Curriculum requirements, is 120. Thirty-nine of the 120 hours must be upper-division. A maximum of 66 community college semester credit hours may be applied to this program.

All candidates for this degree must fulfill the Core Curriculum requirements and the degree requirements, which are listed below.

Core Curriculum requirements: Students seeking the Bachelor of Arts degree in Mexican American Studies must fulfill University Core Curriculum requirements in the same manner as other students. The courses listed in the table below satisfy both degree requirements and Core Curriculum requirements; however, if these courses are taken to satisfy both requirements, then students may need to take additional courses in order to meet the minimum number of semester credit hours required for this degree. For a complete listing of courses that satisfy the Core Curriculum requirements, see pages 5–9 of this catalog.

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| Communications                                         | English Rhetoric/Composition (6 semester credit hours)  
  All students must take the following six hours to meet this core requirement:  
  WRC 1013 Freshman Composition I  
  WRC 1023 Freshman Composition II                                                                 |
| Mathematics                                             | Mathematics (3 semester credit hours)  
  Any three hours listed under this section in the list of core courses will satisfy this core requirement.                           |
| Natural Sciences                                        | Science (6 semester credit hours)  
  Three hours from Level One and three hours from Level Two will satisfy this core requirement.                                    |
| Humanities & Visual and Performing Arts                 | Literature (3 semester credit hours)  
  Any three hours listed under this section in the list of core courses will satisfy this core requirement.                        |
|                                                        | The Arts (3 semester credit hours)  
  Any three hours listed under this section in the list of core courses will satisfy this core requirement.                     |
|                                                        | MAS 2023 Latino Cultural Expressions (Recommended course; may be used in the major.)                                           |
| Social and Behavioral Sciences                          | United States History and Diversity (6 semester credit hours)  
  Any six hours listed under this section in the list of core courses will satisfy this core requirement.                       |
|                                                        | Political Science (6 semester credit hours)  
  POL 1013 Introduction to American Politics, plus three additional hours listed under this section in the list of core courses will satisfy this core requirement. |
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**Degree Requirements**

A. 21 semester credit hours of Mexican American studies:

1. 18 required semester credit hours:
   - BBL 2003 Language, Culture, and Society
   - BBL 3133 Language Development in Bilinguals
   - MAS 2013 Introduction to Chicano(a) Studies
   - MAS 2023 Latino Cultural Expressions
   - MAS 3033 Mexican Americans in the Southwest or
   - HIS 3443 Latinos in the United States
   - MAS 4083 Research Seminar in Mexican American Studies
   - SPN 3493 Mexican American Literature or
   - ENG 4613 Topics in Mexican American Literature (when taught by a Mexican American Studies affiliated faculty)

2. 3 semester credit hours selected from the following:
   - BBL 3023 Mexican American Culture (required for anthropology concentration)
   - MAS 3043 Social Psychological Considerations in Mexican American Communities
   - MAS 3413 Mexican American Family
   - MAS 4953 Special Studies in Mexican American Studies (Anthropology concentration students may substitute this course for BBL 3023 when topic is on Mexican Americans and cultural anthropology.)
   - POL 3093 Mexican American Politics (required for political science concentration)
   - SOC 3433 Mexican Immigration and U.S. Society (recommended for communities, families, and children concentration)

B. 18 semester credit hours of required courses completed in one of the following concentrations:
Concentration in Anthropology
1. 9 semester credit hours selected from the following:
   - ANT 2033 Introduction to Physical Anthropology
   - ANT 2043 Introduction to Archaeology
   - ANT 2053 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology
   - ANT 2063 Language, Thought, and Culture

2. 9 additional upper-division semester credit hours:
   - AHC 3423 Pre-Columbian Art and Architecture of Mesoamerica
   - ANT 3363 Indians of Mesoamerica
   - ANT 4123 Archaeology of the American Southwest

Concentration in Communities, Families, and Children
18 required semester credit hours:
   - BBL 3053 Foundations of Bilingual Studies
   - BBL 3143 Children’s Literature for Bilingual Learners
   - ESL 3023 Second Language Teaching and Learning in EC–6
   - MAS 3413 Mexican American Family
   - SOC 3503 Sociology of Education
   - SOC 3513 Children and Society

Concentration in History
1. 6 required semester credit hours:
   - HIS 2003 Historical Methods
   - HIS 4973 Seminar in History

2. 6 semester credit hours selected from the following:
   - HIS 3083 History of the American West
   - HIS 3153 Development of American Urban Society
   - HIS 3463 History of Religion in the United States

3. 6 semester credit hours selected from the following:
   - HIS 3063 The Spanish Borderlands, 1521–1821
   - HIS 3073 The Mexican Borderlands/The American Southwest
   - HIS 3293 Imperial Spain
   - HIS 3303 History of Mexico

Concentration in Literary and Cultural Studies
1. 3 semester credit hours in methods. Note: This requirement must be completed before continuing with any other concentration requirements.
   - ENG 2213 Literary Criticism and Analysis

2. 3 semester credit hours selected from the following:
   - ENG 2263 American Literature I
   - ENG 2383 Multiethnic Literatures of the United States
   - ENG 2423 Literature of Texas and the Southwest

3. 3 semester credit hours selected from the following:
AHC 3423  Pre-Columbian Art and Architecture of Mesoamerica
AHC 4333  Topics in Art History and Criticism (When taught by a Mexican American Studies affiliate or when focus is on Chicano/Latino content.)
AMS 4823  Topics in American Culture
ENG 4393  Feminist Theory of Literature
WS 4853  Special Topics in Women Writers

4. 3 semester credit hours selected from the following:
   ENG 3513  Mexican American Literature
   ENG 3713  Topics in Multiethnic Literatures of the United States
   ENG 4613  Topics in Mexican American Literature

5. 3 semester credit hours selected from the following:
   BBL 3023  Mexican American Culture
   ENG 3613  African American Literature
   HUM 3103  American Film

6. 3 semester credit hours selected from the following:
   ENG 4953  Special Studies in English
   ENG 4973  Seminar for English Majors
   HUM 4973  Seminar for Humanities Majors

**Concentration in Nonprofit Management**

18 required semester credit hours:

ACC 2003  Foundations of Accounting
   or
ACC 2013  Principles of Accounting I
MGT 3013  Introduction to Organization Theory, Behavior, and Management
   or
MGT 3803  Strategic Management of Nonprofit Organizations
MKT 3013  Principles of Marketing
NPO 3003  Fundraising in Nonprofit Agencies
NPO 3013  Introduction to Nonprofit Agencies
NPO 4933  Internship in Nonprofit Management
   or
NPO 4936  Internship in Nonprofit Management (3 hours can be applied to the American Humanics certification*)

*Students who wish to receive the American Humanics certification are required to complete an additional 3 semester credit hours for a total of 21 hours:

   NPO 4933  Internship in Nonprofit Management (two semesters)

**Concentration in Political Science**

1. 6 required semester credit hours:
   POL 2703  Scope and Methods in Political Science
   POL 3083  Race and Ethnic Politics in the United States

2. 3 semester credit hours selected from the following:
   POL 2503  Introduction to Political Theory
POL 2513  Public Administration and Public Policy  
POL 2533  Introduction to Political Science  
POL 2603  International Politics  
POL 2623  Law and Society  
POL 2633  Comparative Politics  

3. 9 semester credit hours of upper-division political science courses:

3 semester credit hours of comparative politics or international politics selected from the following:

*Comparative Politics*

- POL 3063  Comparative Political Participation
- POL 3213  Business and Politics in the Third World
- POL 3353  Leadership and Elites
- POL 3393  Latin American Politics
- POL 3403  European Politics
- POL 3423  Geopolitics of Russia and Eurasia
- POL 3433  Governments and Politics of Southeast Asia
- POL 3443  Governments and Politics of East Asia
- POL 3453  The Politics of Mexico
- POL 3463  Politics of the Third World
- POL 3473  Theories and Problems in Latin American Politics
- POL 3493  Politics of the Middle East
- POL 3553  Social Policy in Modern Welfare States
- POL 3633  Political Economy
- POL 3783  Comparative Democratization

*International Politics*

- POL 3003  International Law
- POL 3033  International Governance
- POL 3043  Human Rights
- POL 3053  United States–Latin American Relations
- POL 3483  International Political Economy
- POL 3503  American Foreign Policy since World War II
- POL 3513  International Organizations
- POL 3523  Force in International Politics
- POL 3563  Current Issues in World Politics
- POL 3763  Globalization
- POL 3793  Politics and Ethics of International Business
- POL 4003  Comparative Foreign Policy
- POL 4103  Latin America and the World
- POL 4143  The European Union

3 semester credit hours of political theory selected from the following:

*Political Theory*

- POL 3103  Political Ideology
- POL 3113  American Political Theory
- POL 3133  Political Philosophy: Ancient and Medieval
- POL 3143  Political Philosophy: Modern
- POL 3153  Political Philosophy: Contemporary
- POL 3163  Introduction to Feminist Theory
- POL 3193  Theories of Citizenship
- POL 3203  African American Political Thought

3 semester credit hours of public administration or public law selected from the following:

*Public Administration*

- POL 3413  The Politics of Urban Development
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POL 3603 Public Policy Formulation and Implementation
POL 3613 Public Budgeting and Taxation
POL 3623 Public Policy Evaluation
POL 3703 Personnel Administration in the Public Sector
POL 4323 Administrative Law

Public Law
POL 3013 The American Legal Process
POL 3023 Civil Liberties in American Law and Practice
POL 3223 Judicial Politics
POL 3323 Constitutional Law
POL 4123 Legal and Philosophical Reasoning
POL 4153 Seminar in Jurisprudence
POL 4323 Administrative Law

Concentration in Sociology
1. 12 required semester credit hours:
   SOC 1013 Introduction to Sociology
   SOC 3043 Race and Ethnic Relations
   SOC 3313 Quantitative Methods in Sociology
   or
   SOC 3373 Qualitative Research Methods
   SOC 3343 Classical Sociological Theory
   or
   SOC 3353 Contemporary Sociological Theory

2. 6 semester credit hours selected from the following:
   SOC 3013 Social Stratification
   SOC 3033 Population Dynamics
   SOC 3263 Latinas in U.S. Society
   SOC 3283 Poverty
   SOC 3293 Gender Roles
   SOC 3433 Mexican Immigration and U.S. Society

Concentration in Spanish
18 required semester credit hours:
SPN 3013 Spanish Phonetics and Pronunciation
   or
SPN 3113 Linguistic Structures of Spanish
SPN 3043 Advanced Reading
SPN 3063 Grammar and Composition
SPN 3463 Latin American Literature to Modernism
   or
SPN 3473 Latin American Literature since Modernism
SPN 3623 Latin American Culture and Civilization
SPN 4123 The Spanish of the Southwest

C. 39 semester credit hours of electives