

Latino/a Studies

Award Type: Associate in Arts

The Latino/a Studies program provides general structured study in the heritage of Latinos/as, and fosters a fundamental understanding of their history, culture, and aesthetics. The particular courses in this program require students to develop competence in, and an understanding of, the history, culture, and aesthetics of Latinos/as, as well as issues and realities in the Latino/a community. Completion of the Latino/a Studies program enhances students' qualifications for service or professional employment in education, politics and government, municipal and urban planning, social work, community arts and development, union organizing and labor relations, and public or business policy.

The graduate of the Associate in Arts in Latino/a Studies will:

- Demonstrate knowledge of the history and reality of Latinos/as in the United States and the Americas.
- Demonstrate knowledge of Latino/a culture, as well as an understanding of the cultural expressions of Latinos/as including language, literature, art, dance, and cinema.
- Distinguish variations within the Latino/a community with respect to history, geography, class, culture, gender, and ethnicity.

Program Requirements

A major of 24-25 units is required for the Associate of Arts degree.

Required core courses

Course Number	Course Title	Units
HIST 119	History of California	3.0
HIST 120	Chicano History	3.0
SOC 120	Race and Ethnic Relations	3.0
SPAN 101	Elementary Spanish I	5.0
SPAN 102	Elementary Spanish II	5.0

Plus a minimum of 2 courses from the following:

Course Number	Course Title	Units
ANTH 102	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology	3.0
ART 105	Art History of Mexico	3.0
DANC 140	Ballet Folklórico I	2.0
ENGL 148	Hispanic Literature in Translation	3.0
FILM 103	Contemporary Latin American Film	3.0