

Los Medanos College

Associate in Arts in Social Justice Studies: Chicano/a Studies for Transfer Degree

The Associate of Arts Degree for transfer in Social Justice Studies: Chicano/a Studies at Los Medanos College offer a multidisciplinary approach to the study of Latin American identities, culture, art, literature, politics, history, and society in Latin America and in the United States. Through the Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences, the Chicano/a Studies Program incorporates theories of race and ethnicity, the importance of language and identification, human rights and indigenous populations, and the study of comparative social and political movements to examine the ways that we currently understand Latin American, Latino, African-Caribbean, and Chicano culture. To support this multidisciplinary approach, the Chicano/a Studies program offers courses that cover history, psychology, politics, literature, film, art, ethnic studies, gender studies, child development and health. The degree requires a minimum of 18 units lower division work in Latin American Studies and related disciplines and is combined with the California State General Education Pattern to prepare students to take upper division courses at a California State University.

Statement of Program Goals and Objectives (PSLOs):

1. Read, write and discuss orally a variety of texts written by and about Chicanos/as and the Chicano/a movement.
2. Use art, film, music, and literature to critically examine and explore the history and struggle of Chicanos/as in the United States and throughout Latin America.
3. Analyze the histories and experiences of Chicanos/as and the contributions they have made to social justice and the fight for equality in the United States.
4. Examine the ethical and moral implications inherent in the experiences of Chicanos/as in their quest for social, moral and economic justice.
5. Compare and contrast the Chicano/a experience with other experiences that are a part of or separate from the Latin American tradition.

Catalog Description:

The Associate in Arts in Social Justice Studies: Chicano/a Studies for Transfer Degree at Los Medanos College will grant students the opportunity to examine, analyze and explore the history, politics and social movements of the Chicano/Chicana in the United States. By studying the foundational intersections of race, gender, language and geographic origin of the Chicano/a movement, students will be able to relate to contemporary issues facing America today. The course sequence will enrich students' multicultural knowledge that will apply to other areas of study. The degree requires a minimum of 18 units lower division work in Chicano/a Studies and related disciplines and is combined with the California State General Education Pattern to prepare students to take upper division courses at a California State University.

Program Requirements:

Pursuant to SB1440, section 66746, please note the following completion requirements:

“(1) Completion of 60 semester units or 90 quarter units that are eligible for transfer to the California State University, including both of the following:

(A) The Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) or the California State University General Education – Breadth Requirements.

(B) A minimum of 18 semester units or 27 quarter units in a major or area of emphasis, as determined by the community college district.

(2) Obtainment of a minimum grade point average of 2.0."

Courses for the major and the GE requirements (CSU GE-Breadth, IGETC) must be completed with a grade of "C" or better or a "P" if the course is taken on a "pass-no pass" basis.

Program Requirements:

Required Core Courses: 9 Units

ENGL/SOCSC-110	Introduction to Social Justice Studies	3 units
SOCSC-150	Introduction to Race and Ethnicity	3 units
ENGL-SOCSC-136	Introduction to Gender Studies	3 units
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ENGL/SOCSC-135	Introduction to LGBT Studies	3 units

List A: Select three course from at least two of the following areas (9 units):

Area 1:

History 52	Mexican-American History	3 units
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Area 2:

Art 35	Themes in Mesoamerican Culture/Ceramics	3 units
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Drama 30	Chicano/a Mexican American Cinema	3 units
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English 210	Introduction to Latino Literature and Its Latin American Roots	3 units
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English 211	Introduction to Chicano Literature	3 units
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Spanish 60	Exploring Latino Cinema: A Critical Analysis	3 units
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Total Units for Major:	18
Units that may be double count	12/12
GE Units (CSU/IGETC):	39/37
Electives:	15/17
Total Units for degree:	60