What you can do with your Chicana/o & Latina/o Studies MAJOR

Major Skills:

Written & Spoken Communication
You communicate effectively through essays, oral presentations, and discussion to share knowledge, values, and experience. You engage in dialogue and reciprocal exchange informed by ethical and social justice principles.

Multicultural Humility & Understanding
You understand the histories of Chicanas/os and Latinas/os in the United States and their implications for contemporary society, especially problems of racialization, social stratification, colonialism, and oppression. You engage with the unity and diversity among Chicanas/os and Latinas/os along lines of class, gender, race, sexuality, and national origin.

Teamwork
You build and maintain collaborative relationships across diverse cultures to work effectively toward common goals; you learn to value, respect, and learn from diverse cultures, races, ages, genders, sexual orientations, and religions and appreciate differing viewpoints and shared responsibilities.

Critical Reading & Analytical Thinking
You engage with a wide variety of forms of artistic and cultural creation and combine perspectives from the humanities, social sciences, and human services fields to interpret Chicana/o and Latina/o culture and history.

Multidisciplinary Problem-Solving
You utilize multiple theoretical and methodological perspectives when examining complex problems and central questions and topics that have emerged in Chicana/o and Latina/o studies by engaging in self-reflection and problem-solving; you apply ideas to concrete problems through service-learning and community-based research.

Supplement Your Skills With:

International Study, Work/Internship & Language Practice
Internships, Part-Time Work & Community Involvement

Experience Fostering Equity & Inclusion
Leadership & Mentorship in Student or Community Organizations

Chart Your Path Forward
Activate Your Handshake Account for connections to jobs, internships, employer & alumni networking.

Explore Career Communities to discover a wide variety of fields where you can turn your major into success.

Get Career & Internship Advising from SuccessWorks to make a plan, whether you’re a first-year student or about to graduate.

Get Started: successworks.wisc.edu
Put your Chicana/o & Latina/o Studies major to WORK

Post-Graduation Plans

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Recent Grads’ Industry of Employment

1. Healthcare
2. Education
3. Finance
4. Information Technology
5. Government
6. Research
7. Non-profit

Where Alumni Live & Work:

- Wisconsin 50%
- Minnesota 29%
- Illinois 14%
- Georgia 7%

“Studying CLS has been useful to me every day of my career because it taught me about Latino groups in the United States, which is the main demographic I work with in my career.”

Marianna Rivera, 2015
Speech Therapist & Owner, Palabras Speech Therapy LLC
Chicago, IL

“[My studies in CLS] pushed me to explore and understand how culture is a part of everyone. This knowledge helps me effectively communicate and collaborate with people from diverse backgrounds and has shaped how I see the world as a more inclusive one.”

Diana Gallardo, 2017
Assistant Professor, Northeastern Illinois University
Chicago, IL

“A certificate in Chicana/o & Latina/o Studies (CLS) was fundamental in my success. The historical and theoretical foundation laid in CLS has proven to be a necessary skill in today’s world of intersectional and holistic approaches when it comes to advancing positive community transformation.”

Ismael Cuevas, 2011
Government Affairs Manager, Amtrak
Chicago, IL

“My work in CLS helped me develop the cross-cultural competency skills needed to engage and connect with clients from various backgrounds. The skills I gained from the certificate helped me become a human-centered attorney and an advocate for fair and just laws.”

Alma Sida Ontiveros, 2019
Attorney & Owner, Alma Law, LLC
Stoughton, WI

“The CLS Program prepared me in ways I would have never imagined. The knowledge and ideas I was able to share with the amazing staff and my friends are experiences I still carry today, and the support I was provided with empowered me to do my work and speak my passion unapologetically.”

Stephanie Salgado Altamirano, 2022
Community Organizer, Voces De La Frontera Dane County
Madison, WI

Career Communities for Chicana/o & Latina/o Majors

SuccessWorks has eight Career Communities to connect you with career advising, resources and programs. Here are a few suggestions on where Chicana/o & Latina/o Studies majors can start.

Not inspired by these options? Visit SuccessWorks to explore more widely.

- Consulting, Finance, Management & Client Relations
- Nonprofit Management & Education
- Government, Policy, International Affairs, & Law
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