

# 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.



### 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.



### 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.



### 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.



### Professionalism & Work Ethic

You apply principles of ethical and professional conduct and include and engage with diverse perspectives, and you act responsibly with the interests of the larger community in mind.



### 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**



**Experience Fostering Equity & Inclusion**



**Internships, Part-Time Work & Community Involvement**



**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](https://successworks.wisc.edu)**

# Put your Chicana/o & Latina/o Studies major to **WORK**

## Post-Graduation Plans

- 66% Employment
- 32% Continuing Education, Graduate School
- 2% Volunteer/Service Program

## 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:



"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 Chican@ & Latin@ 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.

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

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