

Student Learning Outcomes

1. Intellectual Reasoning and Knowledge

Students will become proficient in the field of Latina/Latino Studies, which includes, but is not limited to, interdisciplinary, intersectional, and transnational knowledge about: (a) sociohistorical, political, economic and cultural processes that affect Latina/Latino groups in contemporary society; (b) Latina/Latino social movements; (c) Latina/Latino cultural productions; (c) the relationship between class, gender, sexuality, race/ethnicity and migration in the construction of Latina/Latino cultural and racial formations; and (d) Latina/Latino Studies theories and methods. Students will learn that Latina/Latino Studies is a body of critical inquiry that encompasses a wide range of topics and objects of study, and that leverages multiple forms of knowledge production.

2. Critical and Creative Inquiry

Students will apply Latina/Latino Studies theories in developing their capacities for critical and creative inquiry. Specifically, students will exercise their oral and written communication skills as they express new ideas and generate projects that build upon Latina/Latino Studies theories and draw from the range of interdisciplinary Latina/Latino Studies methods.

3. Self-Reflexivity and Community Engagement

To help promote effective leadership and community engagement, students will demonstrate self-reflexivity about their ideas as well as about their social and political positions in their classrooms and communities. They will also learn to build and sustain relationships and take leadership towards the elimination of social inequities at the local, national, and global levels.

4. Social Awareness and Understanding Power

Students will recognize that Latina/Latino lives and communities unfold within historically unequal and racialized social, cultural, economic, and political power relations. Students will become familiar with Latina/Latino theories and social movements that consider indigeneity, race, class, gender, sexuality and citizenship to understand and intervene on historical and contemporary power formations.

5. Global Consciousness

Students will understand how complex and interdependent historical and contemporary global forces—environmental, social, cultural, economic, and political— impact and are impacted by Latinas/Latinos. They will learn to apply Latina/Latino Studies critiques to these forces, including but not limited to those related to migration and transnationalism.