

DEPARTMENT OF RACE, ETHNICITY, GENDER, AND SEXUALITY STUDIES

Currently, the Department of Race, Ethnicity, Gender, and Sexuality Studies offers a certificate in Mexican American Studies at the graduate level.

Graduate Certificate in Mexican American Studies

The Mexican American Studies certificate is a 12-semester-credit-hour graduate certificate program that offers specialized training for educators who wish to become better prepared to teach Mexican American Studies in public schools.

The goal is to provide graduate students with a comprehensive educational foundation for meeting state educational needs to enhance the teaching and learning of Mexican American Studies content areas in social studies and fine arts in secondary schools. For those who want to teach community college courses or dual credit courses, 6 extra graduate hours are needed to fulfill the 18 hours as required by the SACSCOC's accreditation.

Admission Requirements

The certificate program will admit students in the *Fall only*. Students can complete the certificate in one calendar year. Students who apply for the certificate must have a Bachelor of Arts degree in humanities or an education field. All applicants must meet UTSA Graduate School admission requirements (<https://graduateschool.utsa.edu/admissions/>) and be in good standing at the last institution attended. Current students may apply by completing the UTSA Graduate Certificate Form (https://graduateschool.utsa.edu/images/uploads/UTSAGraduateCertificateForm_FILLABLE3.pdf).

Certificate Program Requirements

To meet the curricular requirements for the Graduate Certificate in Mexican American Studies, students must complete 12-semester-credit-hours with a grade point average of 3.0 or above from the following courses:

Code	Title	Credit Hours
A. Required course:		3
MAS 5223	Pedagogies of Social Transformation in Chicana/o Education	
B. Select three of the four courses listed below:		9
MAS 5203	Chicanas/os and Latinas/os in the Media	
MAS 5213	Chicana/o Literature	
MAS 6093	Chicana/Latina Feminist Methodologies	
MAS 6103	Interpretivist/Decolonial Histories in Chicana/o Studies	
Total Credit Hours		12

African American Studies (AAS) Courses

AAS 6943. Internship in African American Studies. (0-0) 3 Credit Hours.
A supervised experience, relevant to the student's program of study within selected community organizations and agencies. May be repeated for a total of 6 semester credit hours. Course Fees: GH01 \$90; INT1 \$150; STSH \$30.

AAS 6953. Independent Study. (0-0) 3 Credit Hours.
Independent reading, research, discussion, and/or writing under the direction of a faculty member. For students needing specialized work not normally or not often available as part of the regular course offerings. May be repeated for credit, but no more than 6 hours will apply to the Master's Degree. Course Fees: GH01 \$90; STSH \$30.

AAS 6973. Special Topics in African American Studies. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.
An organized course offering the opportunity for specialized study not normally or not often available as part of the regular course offerings. Special problems/topics courses may be repeated for credit when the topics vary, but no more than 6 hours, regardless of discipline, will apply to the Master's degree. Course Fees: GH01 \$90; LRH1 \$20; STSH \$30.

Mexican American Studies (MAS) Courses

MAS 5203. Chicanas/os and Latinas/os in the Media. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.
Close examination of the depictions of Chicanas/os and Latinas/os in US news and entertainment and film, problematizing mediated content as a site for the production and maintenance of culture, ideology, and political power. Course Fees: GH01 \$90; LRH1 \$20; STSH \$30.

MAS 5213. Chicana/o Literature. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.
Introduction to the major writers of Chicana/o literature through the study of fiction, nonfiction, poetry, drama, and illustrated texts. Includes study of the cultural expressions within an historical and social context, cultivating critical principles that guide Chicana/o literature. Course Fees: GH01 \$90; LRH1 \$20; STSH \$30.

MAS 5223. Pedagogies of Social Transformation in Chicana/o Education. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.
Exploration of the various pedagogical philosophies and practices that have shaped teaching/learning in Chicana/o social movements, grassroots community educational spaces, and institutions of learning, from elementary school to higher education. Particular attention is given to decolonial, Chicana feminist, indigenous, neo-Marxist/liberatory, and anti-oppression pedagogies. Course Fees: GH01 \$90; LRH1 \$20; STSH \$30.

MAS 6003. Research Design and Inquiry in Mexican American Studies. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.
This course familiarizes students with various research approaches and methodologies used in bicultural-bilingual studies including conceptualization, structure and types of research design, and pragmatic deliberation of data acquisition and analysis. Topics include information retrieval and library research, literature review, research criticism, and proposal writing. (Same as BBL 6003. Credit cannot be earned for both MAS 6003 and BBL 6003.) Course Fees: GH01 \$90; LRH1 \$20; STSH \$30.

MAS 6093. Chicana/Latina Feminist Methodologies. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.

This course examines the different frameworks for theory building by Chicana/Latina feminists. Challenging assumptions within social sciences, Chicana/Latina intellectuals have developed a critical theory that interrogates knowledge production. The course emphasizes methodology and how we produce knowledge, the means by which we examine communities, and how we conduct research as insiders/outsideers. (Same as BBL 6093. Credit cannot be earned for both MAS 6093 and BBL 6093.) Course Fees: GH01 \$90; LRH1 \$20; STSH \$30.

MAS 6103. Interpretivist/Decolonial Histories in Chicana/o Studies. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.

This seminar is a critical examination of the historical experiences of Chicanas and Chicanos. The course is grounded in an analysis of the field of Chicana/o historical writing and within Chicana/o Studies from its inception to the present. (Formerly titled "Chicana/o Historical Thought." Same as BBL 6103. Credit cannot be earned for both MAS 6103 and BBL 6103.) Course Fees: GH01 \$90; LRH1 \$20; STSH \$30.

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Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies (WGSS) Courses

WGSS 6943. Internship in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies. (0-0) 3 Credit Hours.

A supervised experience, relevant to the student's program of study within selected community organizations and agencies. May be repeated for a total of 6 semester credit hours. Course Fees: GH01 \$90; INT1 \$150; STSH \$30.

WGSS 6953. Independent Study. (0-0) 3 Credit Hours.

Independent reading, research, discussion, and/or writing under the direction of a faculty member. For students needing specialized work not normally or not often available as part of the regular course offerings. May be repeated for credit but no more than 6 hours may count towards Master's Degree. Course Fees: GH01 \$90; STSH \$30.

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