

PhD Chicanx Stdy
Doctor of Philosophy in Chicana and Chicano Studies
Under Review | Fall 2026

Proposal Information

Status

Active

Workflow Status

In Progress

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Approved | Department Chair

✓ Irene Vasquez | 10/06/2025 11:17 AM

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Approved | Registrar Technical Check

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Approved | College or School approver

✓ Anna Nogar | 11/03/2025 1:46 PM

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Approved | Library Approval

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SGPC Approval, Faculty Senate Graduate and Professional Committee

Approved | Chair

✓ Robben Brown | 2/05/2026 10:32 AM

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This is approved. Thank you!

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Changes

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- Proposed Effective Term and Year
- Program Justification
- Sponsoring faculty/staff member

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Proposal Information

Proposed

Sponsoring faculty/staff member

Jose Luis Serrano Najera

Existing

Sponsoring faculty/staff member

Leila Flores-Duenas

College

College of Arts & Sciences: Humanities & Chicano & Chicana Studies
Interdisciplinary

Department

Proposed

Sponsoring faculty/staff email

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Existing

Sponsoring faculty/staff email

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Campus

Main Campus

Effective Term and Year

Proposed

Proposed Effective Term and Year

Fall 2026

Existing

Proposed Effective Term and Year

Fall 2025

Justification

Proposed

Program Justification

We are requesting a change to the current transfer policy of M.A. credit hours, which has been updated through faculty vote, in Graduation Requirements. The current requirement is the following, "Students that hold an M.A. degree may transfer up to 18 credit hours at the discretion of the Chicana and Chicano Studies department." The new policy is the following, "The Ph.D. in Chicana and Chicano Studies requires 48 credit hours plus 18 credit hours in dissertation writing (CCS 699). For students who hold an M.A. seeking to transfer credit hours, please see the graduate coordinator or director for more specific information."

Existing

Program Justification

Based on recommendations of the external reviewers during Academic Program Review (APR) that took place in Fall 2024, the Chicana and Chicano Studies Department faculty voted (October 16, 2024) to eliminate the Language Requirement for the PHD program.

Graduate program revision

No

Program Category and Level

Program Category

Degree

Program Level

Graduate

Degree, Minor, or Certificate Name

Doctor of Philosophy in Chicana and Chicano Studies

Certificate or Degree Type

Doctor of Philosophy

Degree/Certificate Level

Doctoral

Is this program also offered online?

Yes

Format(s)

Partially online

Fully online

AOP MOU

File Uploads

Document uploads

Associated Quali Forms

Select any associated course forms that exist

Select any associated program forms that exist

Shared Credit and Dual Degree information

Interdepartmental Program

No

Catalog Information

Program Description

The Department of Chicana and Chicano Studies is committed to the interdisciplinary study of Chicana and Chicano experiences, perspectives, and thought. The graduate program centers several teaching and research specializations that include create cultural expressions, communication, language and culture, community-based studies, Chicano/Latino public policy, transnational and hemispheric migration studies, and internationalism of race, gender and sexuality.

Admissions Requirements

Applicants to the Master of Arts and Doctor of Philosophy programs in Chicana and Chicano Studies should hold a bachelor's degree and/or a strong background in Chicana and Chicano Studies or a related field such as Anthropology, American Studies, Art History, Economics, Education, English, Ethnic Studies, History, Philosophy, Political Science, Sociology, or Women Studies. When applying to the programs, candidates are expected to submit a substantive letter of intent with a clear statement of research interests and goals in pursuing such investigations at the master's- or doctoral-level.

Applicants to the Graduate Certificate program must complete and submit an online application, available on the Graduate Studies Web site. Additional required documentation includes:

- A substantive letter of intent (3-5 double-spaced pages) which summarizes prior academic training and explains current academic and professional objectives. This letter should focus on scholarly and research interests and how they relate to the field of Chicana and Chicano Studies.
- One letter of recommendation.
- One unofficial copy of transcript(s) from the university where the student received their B.A. and/or M.A. degree(s).
- One official copy of transcript(s) from all post-secondary work, to be sent to: The University of New Mexico, Office of Admissions, Attn: Graduate Admissions, PO Box 4895, Albuquerque NM 87196-4895.

Proposed

Graduation Requirements

Doctor of Philosophy in Chicana and Chicano Studies

Requirements

General guidelines for completion of the Ph.D. are set forth in the *Graduate Program* section of this Catalog. At least 48 credit hours of coursework, exclusive of dissertation, are required for the Ph.D. in Chicana and Chicano Studies:

- Introductory graduate sequence: CCS 551, 552, 580, 590 (12 credit hours);
- Additional 6 seminars in Chicana and Chicano Studies (18 credit hours);
- Electives chosen from any department or program (12 credit hours);
- Independent study in preparation for comprehensive qualifying examination (6 credit hours).

The Ph.D. in Chicana and Chicano Studies requires 48 credit hours plus 18 credit hours in dissertation writing (CCS 699). For students who hold an M.A. seeking to transfer credit hours, please see the graduate coordinator or director for more specific information.

Comprehensive Qualifying Examination: The comprehensive qualifying examination is taken after completion of coursework. The primary purpose of this written exam is to determine the student's ability at synthesizing the subject matter and various methodologies covered during doctoral study. Detailed guidelines are available at the Chicana and Chicano Studies department.

Dissertation: 18 credit hours of CCS 699 Dissertation are required. The dissertation will be pertinent to three areas of focus in Chicana and Chicano Studies.

Graduate Certificate in Chicana and Chicano Studies

The Chicana and Chicano Studies graduate certificate is a stand-alone program and is available to graduate students at UNM.

Requirements

The Chicana and Chicano Studies graduate certificate requires 12 credit hours of graduate study as follows:

- CCS 560 Chicano Latino Civil Rights
- CCS 580 New Approaches in Chicana and Chicano Studies
- CCS 590 Advanced Seminar in Chicana and Chicano Studies
- CCS 593 Special Topics

A grade point average of at least 3.0 is required in all courses.

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Professional Credential/Licensure Program Information

License/Certification associated with program

No

Professional Accrediting Bodies

N/A

Degree Information

Degree Hours

66

Minimum Major Hours

Degree Requirements

Requirements

- Complete all of the following
 - Complete the following:
 - CCS551 - Cultural Expressions in Chicana and Chicano Studies (3)
 - CCS552 - Research Methods and Data Analysis (3)
 - CCS580 - New Approaches in Chicana and Chicano Studies (3)
 - CCS590 - Advanced Seminar in Chicana and Chicano Studies (3)
 - Earn at least 18 credits from the following types of courses:
Additional 6 seminars in Chicana and Chicano Studies
 - Earn at least 12 credits from the following types of courses:
Electives chosen from any department or program
 - Earn at least 6 credits from the following types of courses:
Independent study in preparation for comprehensive qualifying examination
 - Earn at least 18 credits from the following:
 - CCS699 - Dissertation (3 - 12)
 - ~~StudentsFor that students who hold an M.A. degree seeking may to transfer up to 18 credit hours, at please see the discretion graduate of coordinator theor Chicana director and for Chicano more Studies specific department information.~~

Grand Total Credits: 66

Concentrations

Program Concentrations

Code	Title
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Concentration Required

No

Emphases

Emphasis required

No

Emphasis Hours

Emphasis Rules

No Rules

Program Learning Outcomes

Learning Outcomes

Program

1. Students will draw on diverse gendered, social, historical, economic, and cultural perspectives to evaluate the historical and contemporary conditions, issues, and challenges facing diverse Mexican descent populations;
2. Students will analyze intersectionality to understand the impact of the social construction of race, class, gender, and sexuality as related to diverse Chicana/o, and Latina/o communities in national and transnational contexts;
3. Students will demonstrate an ability to engage in creative and community-responsive problem-solving in addressing questions of social justice facing community-based organizations as they relate to local and global realities; and
4. Students will evaluate the applicability and relevance of theories and approaches to Chicana/o experiences and the discipline.

Student Learning Outcomes of the Master's and PhD Program

Students will draw on diverse gendered, social, historical, economic, and cultural perspectives to evaluate the historical and contemporary conditions, issues, and challenges facing diverse Mexican descent populations

1. Students will engage in collaborative presentations to apply an intersectional analysis in assessing diverse conditions impacting Chicana/o, and Latina/o communities in national and transnational contexts

Students will demonstrate an ability to engage in creative and community-responsive problem-solving in addressing questions of social justice facing community-based organizations as they relate to local and global realities
Students will demonstrate the ability to write an advanced research paper and present their research at an academic venue

Registrar Office Only

CM Program Code PhD Chicanx Stdy	BANP	Banner Program Code PHD-CCS	Major Code CCS
Online Program Code	Online Major Code	Pre-major Program Code	Pre-major Major Code
CIP Code 050203	Concentration Inheritance No		
Catalog Main Campus	Catalog Activation Date 08/01/25		
Proposed			
Notes			
MR 3/12/25: there don't appear to be any curric changes so will admin approve.			
MR 10/8/25: changed free text language in the degree requirements to match proposal			
Existing			
Notes			
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