



BENEFITS

- › Qualify for our annual Manuel Gamio & Brandenburg MALS Scholarships.
- › Gain work experience with our unique internship opportunities.
- › Strengthen your leadership capabilities.
- › Engage in great community service and research opportunities.
- › Obtain valuable intercultural and international competence.
- › Network with students of similar interests.
- › Develop and strengthen important skills in research, analysis, and writing.

REQUIREMENTS

A Mexican American & Latina/o Studies Minor consists of a total of 18 credit hours: one required, two core courses, and three electives. Please consult with your major department or program before filling out a degree plan for the MALS minor at CMAS.

HOW THE PROGRAM WORKS

Through the Office of the Provost, CMAS offers a Minor in Mexican American & Latina/o Studies to all UTA students. The Minor consists of 18 credit hours chosen from an interdisciplinary curriculum that examines the experiences of people of Mexican and other Latina/o descent in the United States. As a solid base for understanding the Latino heritage and its prominent future in the U.S., the Minor in MALS prepares students for success in contemporary society.

REQUIRED COURSES

- › **MAS 2300** Introduction to Mexican American Studies

CORE COURSES

(MUST TAKE TWO)

- › **ANTH/MAS 3310** Latinos in the United States
- › **MAS/SOCI/WOMS/SOCW 3314 & AAST 3321**
The Latina Experience
- › **MAS/HIST 3321** Mexican-American History
- › **MAS/ENGL 3343** U.S. Chicano/Latino Literature
- › **MAS/ENGL 3346** Mexican-American Literature
- › **MAS/HIST 3377** History of Mexico
- › **MAS/SPAN 4318** Mexican Literature

ELECTIVES

(MUST TAKE THREE)

- › **MAS/POLS 3307** Mexican Politics & U.S. - Mexican Relations
- › **MAS/SPAN 3312** Latin American Culture & Civilization
- › **MAS/ANTH 3316** Latino Health Issues
- › **MAS 3319/SOCW 3307** Diverse Populations
- › **MAS/SOCW 3320** Immigration Policy & the American Dream
- › **MAS/ANTH 3330** Cultural Diversity and Identity
- › **MAS/SOCI 3337** Racial & Ethnic Groups in U.S.
- › **MAS/ANTH 3348** Latino Immigration to the U.S.
- › **MAS 3363/HIST 3345** Texas to 1850
- › **MAS 3364/HIST 3346** Texas since 1845
- › **MAS/HIST 3375** Latin American History:
Origins through Independence
- › **MAS/HIST 3376** Latin American History:
Post-Independence to the Present
- › **MAS/CRCJ 3380** Race, Crime, and Justice
- › **MAS/SPAN 4313** Topics in Hispanic culture
- › **MAS/SPAN 4315** Topics in Contemporary Latin American
Literature and Culture, Modernism to the Present
- › **MAS/SPAN 4317** Chicano Literature
- › **POLS 4317** Ethnic Group Politics in the U.S.
- › **MAS/POLS 4319** Politics of Mexican Americans
- › **MAS/SPAN/WOMS 4327** Women in Hispanic Literature
- › **MAS 4350** Topics in Mexican American Studies
- › **SOCI 4365/WOMS 4392** Topics in Sociology*
- › **MAS 4391** Conference Course
- › **MAS 4393** Mexican-American Studies Internship

*PERMITTED WHEN THE TOPIC PERTAINS TO HISPANIC WOMEN

Other courses may qualify or can be substituted to fulfill requirements for MALS minor.
Consult with a CMAS academic advisor for more information.

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WHY MINOR IN MEXICAN AMERICAN & LATINA/O STUDIES?

The rapidly changing demographics of the United States make knowledge of Latino culture a vital asset for any college graduate today. The minor in Mexican American and Latina/o Studies is a dynamic and interdisciplinary program that offers a strong complement to any undergraduate major, and is especially practical for students majoring in Liberal Arts, Education, Business, Social Work, and Nursing. Through research, teaching and service, the MALS minor enables the student to explore issues that are critical to understand the Mexican American and Latina/o experience. In addition, as private and government employers are increasingly requiring professionals with intercultural and international competence, the MALS minor provides the student a unique opportunity to be prepared for the challenges of a competitive global society. Minorning in MALS can help you better prepare to work and live in a society in which Latinos continue to become visible neighbors, fellow citizens, clients and co-workers. Besides learning about Latino culture, you will also be awarded a MALS Certification after program completion.



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