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HAVE INITIATIVE;  
THEY SHOULD NOT  
BE MERE IMITATORS.  
THEY MUST LEARN  
TO THINK AND ACT  
FOR THEMSELVES,  
AND TO BE FREE."  
-CÉSAR CHÁVEZ

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## OUR STORY

The Center for Mexican American Studies (CMAS) at the University of Houston was established in 1972 as an interdisciplinary academic program encompassing the liberal arts, education and social sciences focusing on the Mexican American and broader Latino experience in the U.S. Its mission is to advance knowledge, promote critical thinking and foster the value of service to the community. This involves designing a broad spectrum of public and scholarly programs. Located within the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, CMAS has evolved into an academic unit with several major components: teaching, research and publications, recruitment and retention, leadership training, academic advising and community service.



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# MINOR IN MEXICAN AMERICAN STUDIES

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## ABOUT THE CMAS MINOR

The Center for Mexican American Studies offers a minor in Mexican American Studies. The material covered in the minor conveys the broad and rich experiences of Latinos and Latinas in the United States. A minor in Mexican American Studies augments a student's major area of study and prepares them to better understand the history, culture, social relations, folklore, literature, politics, and numerous contributions that Latinos and Latinas have made to U.S. society.

## REQUIREMENTS

The minor in Mexican American Studies requires 15 semester credit hours. This includes MAS 2340 Introduction to Mexican American Studies (required course – three credit hours) and a minimum of three or nine semester credit hours from approved liberal arts courses and a minimum of three or nine semester credit hours from approved social science courses. Nine of the 15 hours must be taken at the University of Houston (in residence) and nine hours must be advanced (junior and senior level). Of these nine, at least six must be taken in residence. A 2.00 minimum grade point average over all courses applied to the minor is required. No more than 3 semester credit hours can be taken in Spanish “language” courses. “MAS” prefixed courses can be used in the social science category for the minor as well as in the liberal arts.



## THE COURSES

### Social Sciences (6-9 Hours)

ANTH 3312	MEXICAN AMERICAN CULTURE
ANTH 4372	MAYA ARCHAEOLOGY
ANTH 4373	ARCHAEOLOGY OF THE AZTECS AND THEIR NEIGHBORS
POLS 3372	LATINO POLITICS
SOC 3324	HISPANIC IDENTITY
SOC 3326	IMMIGRATION IN THE US SOCIETY
SOC 3372	MEXICAN AMERICAN FAMILY

### Liberal Arts (6-9 Hours)

ENGL 3361	MEXICAN AMERICAN LITERATURE
HIST 3312	PRE-COLOMBIAN ART
HIST 3332	CHICANO HISTORY UP TO 1910
HIST 3333	CHICANO HISTORY SINCE 1910
HIST 3369	COLONIAL MEXICO
HIST 4319	CHICANOS AND AMERICAN EDUCATION
HIST 4369	MODERN MEXICO 1810-PRESENT
MAS 2340	INTRO TO MEXICAN AMERICAN STUDIES
MAS 3340	MEXICAN AMERICAN URBAN COMMUNITIES
MAS 3341	MEXICAN AMERICAN EXPERIENCE THROUGH FILM
MAS 3342	MEXICAN IMMIGRATION TO THE US
MAS 3343	LATINO PSYCHOLOGY
SPAN 23021	INTERMEDIATE SPANISH I
SPAN 2302	INTERMEDIATE SPANISH II
SPAN 2307	SPANISH FOR NATIVE SPEAKERS I
SPAN 2308	SPANISH FOR NATIVE SPEAKERS II
SPAN 3301	ORAL COMMUNICATIONS IN SPANISH
SPAN 3331	MEXICAN AMERICAN LITERATURE
SPAN 3345	HISPANIC FOLKLORE OF THE SW

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