

Mexican American and Latina/o Studies (BA)

Total Hours Required: 120

Plan of Study

The Plan of Study is a suggested four-year course sequence to support academic planning and serves as a helpful guide. Currently enrolled students should meet with their academic advisor to tailor their course selections and timelines to their individual goals and circumstances.

Course	Title	Hours
Year 1		
Semester 1		
RHE 306	Rhetoric and Writing	3
MAS 301	Introduction to Mexican American and Latina/o Studies	3
First-Year Signature Course (090)		3
Foreign Language SPN or POR course		6
Hours		15
Semester 2		
Mathematics (020)		3
Social and Behavioral Sciences (080)		3
U.S. History (060)		3
Foreign Language SPN or POR course		6
Hours		15
Year 2		
Semester 1		
Humanities (040)		3
Natural Science and Technology, Part I (030)		3
U.S. History (060)		3
Foreign Language SPN or POR course		6
Hours		15
Semester 2		
Natural Science and Technology, Part I (030)		3
American and Texas Government (070)		3
Social Science course		3
Hours chosen from: lower-division MAS		3
Hours chosen from: lower-division MAS		3
Hours		15
Year 3		
Semester 1		
American and Texas Government (070)		3
Natural Science and Technology, Part II (093)		3
Cultural Expression, Human Experience, and Thought (may not also be counted toward Core Curriculum)		3
Hours chosen from: upper-division MAS		3
Lower-division Minor/Certificate course		3
Hours		15
Semester 2		
MAS 375	Internship	3
Hours chosen from: Upper-division MAS		3
Upper-division Minor/Certificate course		3
Visual and Performing Arts (050)		3
Hours chosen from: upper-division MAS		3
Hours		15
Year 4		
Semester 1		
Hours chosen from: Upper-division MAS		3
Hours chosen from: Upper-division MAS		3
Upper-division Minor/Certificate course		3
Minor/Certificate course		3

Minor/Certificate course	3	
Hours	15	
Semester 2		
MAS 378	Capstone Seminar	3
Hours chosen from: Upper-division MAS		6
Minor/Certificate course		3
Upper-division elective		3
Hours		15
Total Hours		120

Requirements

All requirements are listed below, starting with the most specialized moving to the most general. Additional requirements may follow the table, so be sure to read the entire page. Some required courses listed below may also satisfy [General Education](#) requirements, including [Core Curriculum](#).

Code	Title	Hours
Major (see details below)		
MAS 301	Introduction to Mexican American and Latina/o Studies	3
Hours chosen from: Lower-division Mexican American and Latina/o Studies		6
Hours chosen from: Upper-division Mexican American and Latina/o Studies		12
MAS 378	Capstone Seminar	3
Hours chosen from:		3
MAS 375	Internship	
Study Abroad (approved)		
Subtotal		27
Degree (see details below)		51
Free electives: Additional coursework to reach total hours required.		12
Subtotal		63
General Education		
Remaining Core Curriculum (42 hours total)		30
Foreign Language other than English, Beginning Proficiency		
Subtotal		30
College Requirements - Liberal Arts		
General University Requirements		
Total Hours		120

Additional Requirements and Policies

Students majoring in Mexican American and Latina/o Studies must achieve, at a minimum, an intermediate level of proficiency in Spanish, Portuguese, or a relevant Indigenous language.

Degree - Bachelor of Arts (BA) - Liberal Arts

Code	Title	Hours
Degree		
<i>Literature and Writing</i>		
RHE 306	Rhetoric and Writing (Plan II honors requires at least a C-; may also count toward Core Curriculum)	3
Hours chosen from: Writing intensive coursework-see course list (may also count toward Core Curriculum; Plan II honors requires at least a C-)		3

Hours chosen from: Upper-division [Writing intensive coursework-see course list](#) (may also count toward Core Curriculum; Plan II honors requires at least a C-) 6

Choose a sequence below: 12

Sequence 1: Plan II Honors (requires at least a C-; may also count toward Core Curriculum)

E 303C Plan II World Literature Part I
or T C 303C Plan II World Literature Part I

Sequence 2: Plan I

E 316L British Literature
or E 316M American Literature
or E 316N World Literature

Foreign Language other than English, Intermediate Proficiency 3

Choose a sequence below: Social Science 3

Sequence 1: Plan II Honors (requires at least a C-; may also count toward Core Curriculum)

S S 302C Honors Social Science: Methods and Theory
or S S 302D Honors Social Science: Psychology
or S S 302E Honors Social Science: Anthropology
or S S 302E Honors Social Science: Anthropology
or S S 302F Honors Social Science: Economics

Sequence 2: Plan I

[Additional Social Science \(may not also be counted toward Core Curriculum\)](#)

Mathematics

Choose a sequence below: (M 301, M 316K, and M 316L do not count toward this requirement) 3

Sequence 1: Plan II Honors

M 310P Modern Mathematics: Plan II

Sequence 2: Plan I

Hours chosen from: Mathematics

Choose a sequence below: 3

Sequence 1: Plan II Honors

T C 310 Modes of Reasoning
or PHL 313QLogic and Scientific Reasoning

Sequence 2: Plan I

[Cultural Expression, Human Experience, and Thought \(may not also be counted toward Core Curriculum\)](#)

Choose a sequence below: 15

Sequence 1: Plan II Honors

Six Hours chosen from: Astronomy, biology, chemistry, geological sciences, physical science, or physics (may also count toward Core Curriculum)

BIO 301E Problems in Modern Biology

PHY 321 Modern Physics: Plan II

Three Hours chosen from:

Art history, music history, or history of theatre and dance
Upper-division classical civilization, humanities, literature, or philosophy

Sequence 2: Plan I International Relations and Global Studies

Free electives: Additional coursework to reach total hours required.

Sequence 3: Other Plan I

Hours chosen from:

[Transcript-recognized minor or certificate](#)

Liberal Arts multi-disciplinary minor in the Social and Behavioral Sciences

Liberal Arts multi-disciplinary minor in Cultural Expression, Human Experience, and Thought

Total Hours

51

Additional Requirements and Policies

Unless otherwise stated, students must complete at least:

- 15 upper-division degree hours
- 24 upper-division degree hours taken in residence at the University
- 36 additional degree hours taken in residence at the University.

Credit may be earned via credit by examination, extension, or transferred hours from another institution (requires dean's approval).

Major and minor required hours may also be used to fulfill degree requirements unless expressly prohibited.

A course in one degree area may not also be used to fulfill the requirements of another degree area unless specified otherwise.

Mathematics courses at the college algebra level may not count toward elective hours.

Majors

A major consists of 24 to 45 hours, with at least 15 upper-division hours unless the requirements of the major state otherwise.

Students must earn at least:

- 18 major hours taken in residence at the University.
- 6 upper-division major hours taken in residence at the University
- a 2.00 grade point average for in-residence major hours taken at the University unless a higher minimum scholastic requirement is specified for the major.

Minors

Students must get permission from their College of Liberal Arts academic advisor to pursue more than one transcript-recognized minor or certificate per major. The academic advisor will approve or deny the request after considering the student's long-term educational and professional goals and the student's ability to graduate within 4 years of entering the University.

Students should consult the department offering the course before planning to use it to fulfill the minor requirement.

Hours used to fulfill the requirements for a minor must be taken on the letter-grade basis.

See [University Minor and Certificate policies here](#).