

LATINA/O STUDIES



BA IN LATINA/O STUDIES

The Latina/O Studies program is centered on the notion that identity-of others and ourselves-often colors the lens through which we see, understand, and interact with the world. In this program, students will learn about the culture, history, language, literature and politics of the largest ethno-racial group in the United States: Latina/o/x. Students in the Latina/o Studies program have the opportunity to develop skills sets for a variety of professional and vocational realms, and are uniquely qualified to act as a bridge between the general population and the growing Latina/o/x/ population. Graduates will be prepared for careers in the nonprofit sector as leaders and directors of community-based organizations, in public services, or to pursue various postgraduate degree programs including law, medicine, and business. Housed in the Political Science department, the program is dedicated to the study of the historical, social, and cultural experience of Latina/o/x/ communities, with a strong interest in the socio-political dimensions of US Latina/o/x life. From early colonialism and pre-colonial times, to contemporary developments such as recent Mexican and Southern American immigration to New York City, it exposes students to methodologies specific to Chicano/Latino Studies, and debates that reflect larger transformations in United States culture and society.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The Latina/o/x population continues to grow across the United States-from current census estimates of 55 million to 119 million by 2060. The New York City area alone represents the largest Hispanic city in the United States with a population of 2.3 million Latinos according to the 2010 census. Employers in both the public and private sectors seek candidates who have a keen understanding of these communities. Students in the Latina/o Studies program have the opportunity to develop skills sets for a variety of professional and vocational realms, and are uniquely qualified to act as a bridge between the general population and the growing Latino/o/x population. Graduates will be prepared to pursue careers in the non-profit sector as leaders and directors of community-based organizations or in public service through jobs with the city, county or state. Latina/o Studies graduates (of other schools) have been hired into private sector jobs in companies that draw upon their familiarity with the Latina/o/x community in order to more effectively engage with the ever-growing ranks of Latina/o/x consumers. Students may combine the Latina/o Studies major with another major such as psychology, journalism, marketing, or public health thereby deepening their capabilities as professionals to serve our complex multicultural society.

INTERDISCIPLINARY FACULTY

The Latina/O Studies Program is comprised of faculty who possess social science expertise, including sociology and anthropology, psychology, and political science, as well as strengths in the arts, including music, literature, performance and film. It was designed with the input of faculty members from eight different departments, including Political Science, Women's and Gender Studies, Sociology, History, Communications, Modern Languages, Psychology, English, Anthropology, and Latin American Studies.

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