Program Level Outcomes for Chicano Studies:

Upon successful completion of the Chicano Studies program, a student should be able to:

- Demonstrate knowledge of history of Chicanos in the United States including an evaluation of the Chicano Political experience at the local and national level.
- Develop critical thinking skills in examining and evaluating Chicano Studies pioneers and their theories. Demonstrate critical analysis of social institutions and their role in the Chicano experience.
- Demonstrate knowledge of Chicano culture expressions including, but not limited to: popular culture, literature, theater and cinema.
- Critically examine the variations within the Chicano community and the interlocking systems of oppression: race, class, gender, ethnicity, religion, nationality and sexuality.

What we looked at:

We focused on [write in the PLO]. For this project, we wanted to assess [write in what we assessed]. We focused on the Course Level Outcome Assessment Reports for Ethnic Studies 1, 3 and 12. The expectation of the Chicano Studies Program is that students should be able to complete the course with knowledge of the history of Chicanos in the United States.

What we found:

What we found for our Ethnic Studies courses (1, 3, and 12) Course Level Outcome Assessment Report is that students demonstrated knowledge of Chicano history, Chicano pioneers and theories, cultural expressions and variations within the Chicano community. Through papers and group assignments, students demonstrate knowledge and engagement in subject matter. Nonetheless, there is room for improvement and for greater student achievement, which was also outlined in Course Level Outcome Assessment Reports.

What our next steps are:

Share different teaching pedagogies with instructors; reevaluate classroom activities (projects, discussions, presentations, exams) to maximize student comprehension of different subjects.

Collaborate with faculty that teaches in courses that are cross-listed with Ethnic Studies.

Strategize to increase numbers of students who choose Chicano Studies as a major.