CHICANO STUDIES—ASSOCIATE OF ARTS DEGREE

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Chicano Studies program provides organized studies in the heritage of Chicanos and fosters and expands general understanding of the cultural contributions of this group. The Chicano Studies courses give students opportunities to develop competence in and an understanding of the language, history, and culture of Chicanos, as well as current issues affecting the Chicano community. Completion of the Chicano Studies major enhances students' qualifications for positions in schools, community groups, governmental organizations, and private enterprise.

For detailed requirements for individual four-year institutions, students should contact the transfer institution and/or meet with a counselor for specific transfer course requirements in their major.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES:

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

- demonstrate knowledge of the history of Chicanos in the United States including an evaluation of the Chicano political experience with respect to local and national leaders.
- apply critical thinking skills in reading, comprehending, and interpreting Chicano Studies scholarship including the ideas of the major thinkers who have influenced Chicano Studies past and present.
- demonstrate knowledge of Chicano culture including and analysis of the cultural expressions of Chicanos including but not limited to popular culture, literature, and cinema.
- distinguish variations within the Chicano community with respect to class, culture, gender, ethnicity, race, and sexuality.