

Mexican American Studies and Spanish Language



In Lak'Ech, by Maria Avalos, Lee College Puente student

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Mexican American Studies (MAS) is the study of cultural production, social history, and social movements of Mexican American, Chicano, and Latino groups in the United States.

MAS's mission is to strengthen the next generation's knowledge of Mexican American communities and to share that information widely.

Students who take MAS courses will develop the ability to work effectively with diverse populations, and will formulate a deep understanding of the Mexican American culture, history, language, and artistic expression.

Studying Spanish at Lee College will improve students' ability to speak, read and write Spanish as they gain a broad understanding of the Hispanic civilization and culture in the United States and the world. Advanced language learning brings advanced cultural insights, increases global understanding, and reveals the limitations of a monolingual view of the world.

What Will I Learn?

Through MAS4, the associate degree in Mexican American Studies, students will learn about the cultural production, social history and social movements of Mexican American, Chicano, and Latino groups in the United States. The curriculum aligns with the college's designation as a Hispanic-serving Institution and furthers Mexican American Studies as a relevant and dynamic field of study for academic growth and personal enrichment.

Spanish students will gain a basic understanding of the Spanish language, identifying their skills through reading comprehension, conversation, and translation. This degree is designed for students majoring in Spanish who plan to continue their education by pursuing a Bachelor of Arts degree in Spanish at a four-year institution. Today, because of the increasing demand for foreign language skills among the different peoples of the world, knowledge of the leading foreign languages has become an important part of a solid academic foundation.

What Can I Do with This Course of Study?

An advanced degree in Mexican American Studies can lead to a variety of different careers such as:

- Sales Representative
- Account Manager
- Recruiter
- Legal Assistant
- Technical Writer
- Event Planner
- Interpreter/Translator
- Bilingual Educator
- International Relations Consultant
- Cultural Events Coordinator
- National Security Agent

Degree and Certificates

Associate of Arts in Mexican American Studies

Associate of Arts in Spanish

Mexican-American Studies (AA) Degree Plan

Semester 1

- ENGL 1301Ω - English Composition I ♦
- EDUC 1200 - Learning Frameworks ♦
- HUMA 1301ΩΣ - Introduction to the Humanities I ♦
- KINE Kinesiology ♦
- HIST American History ♦
- LPS Life and Physical Sciences ♦

Semester 2

- ENGL 1302Ω - English Composition II ♦
- HUMA 1305Ω - Introduction to Mexican-American Studies ♦
- HIST American History ♦
- SPCH Oral Communication ♦
- LPS Life and Physical Sciences ♦

Semester 3

- HUMA 2319Ω - American Minority Studies ♦
- ENGL 2351Ω - Mexican-American Literature ♦
- SBS Social and Behavioral Sciences ♦
- GOVT Government/Political Science ♦
- Elective ♦

Semester 4

- ENGL 2331Ω - Cross-Cultural Literature ♦
- ENGL 2341Ω - Forms of Literature ♦
- Creative Arts ♦
- GOVT Government/Political Science ♦
- MATH ♦
- Elective

♦ Core curriculum course

Spanish (AA) Degree

Semester 1

- EDUC 1200 - Learning Frameworks ♦
- ENGL 1301Ω - English Composition I ♦
- HIST American History ♦

- MATH Mathematics ♦
- SPAN 1411 - Beginning Spanish I

Semester 2

- ENGL 1302Ω - English Composition II ♦
- HIST American History ♦
- Creative Arts ♦
- SBS Social and Behavioral Sciences ♦
- SPAN 1412 - Beginning Spanish II

Semester 3

- Life and Physical Sciences ♦
- GOVT Govt/PS ♦
- SPCH Oral Communication ♦
- Elective
- SPAN 2311 - Intermediate Spanish I ♦
- SPAN 2313 - Spanish for Native/Heritage Speakers I ♦

Semester 4

- Life and Physical Sciences ♦
- GOVT Government/PS ♦
- Elective
- SPAN 2312 - Intermediate Spanish II ♦
- SPAN 2315 - Spanish for Native/Heritage Speakers II ♦

♦ Core curriculum course

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