# El Paso Community College Syllabus Part II Official Course Description

SUBJECT AREA	English
COURSE RUBRIC AND NUMBER	HUMA 1305
COURSE TITLE	Introduction to Chicana/o Studies_
COURSE CREDIT HOURS	3 3:0
	Credits Lec Lab

# I. Catalog Description

Introduces the field of Chicana/o, Mexican-American Studies from its inception to the present. Introduces students to the interdisciplinary survey to the salient cultural, economic, educational, historical, political, and social aspects of Chicana/o, Mexican-American experiences. **Prerequisite: READ 0309 or INRW 0311 or ESOL 0340 (can be taken concurrently) or by placement exam or ENGL 1301 with a "C" or better or ENGL 1302 with a "C" or better. (3:0).** 

## II. Course Objectives

Upon satisfactory completion of the course, the student will be able to:

- A. Identify significant historical events and key figures that have impacted the development and evolution of the Chicana/o community.
- B. Identify major periods within Chicana/o history (i.e., the Annexation of Texas, the Chicano Renaissance, the Chicano Movement) and discuss their impact on today's society.
- C. Discuss the socio-political, cultural, and economic impact of the Chicana/o community on today's society.
- D. Identify and apply key terminology relevant to Chicana/o Studies as well as a contemporary understanding of the scholarly and social discourse in regard to the Chicana/o community.

## Units

The instructor may decide to use several of these units during the semester; however, at least three of them will be covered.

- A. Pre-Colombian México and Its Impact on Contemporary Chicana/o Society
- B. The U.S./México War and the Annexation of Northern México
- C. The Impact of WWII on the Chicana/o Community
- D. Cesar Chavez and the Farmworker Movement
- E. The Chicano Renaissance and the Creation of a Chicana/o Identity
- F. La Raza Unida Party and the Formation of a Chicana/o Political Movement
- G. The Chicano Power Movement of the 1960s and 1970s
- H. Mexican American women and their impact on the Chicana/o identity

# **III.** THECB Learning Outcomes (ACGM)

Upon successful completion of this course, students will:

1. Analyze the developmental history, culture, and struggles for equality of Mexican-Americans/Chicanos/as.

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- 2. Articulate an informed personal response and critically analyze works by Mexican-Americans/Chicanos/as in the arts and humanities.
- 3. Describe the impact of discrimination on the everyday life of Mexican-Americans/Chicanos/as in the context of social, political, and economic circumstances.
- 4. Analyze minority group interactions in the United States focusing on immigration and migration patterns, assimilation processes, and adjustments to American life.
- 5. Formulate an understanding of the shifting definitions of Mexican-American cultural identities.

## IV. Evaluation

#### A. Pre-Assessment

Instructors should check each student's prerequisites for the first week of class. Those who do not qualify should be sent back to Admissions.

#### B. Post-Assessment

The Instructor will keep and maintain records for each student's progress. The instructor may choose to base the final grade for this class on a variety of assignments, including but not limited to the following: Essays, Oral Presentations, Exams, Service Learning, and Group Projects. Students will be expected to develop essays that are well written and grammatically appropriate.

#### C. Remediation

Remediation and make-up policies are left to the discretion of the individual Instructor. These policies should be clearly stated in the instructor's syllabi.

#### D. Grades

Final grade will be determined through the completion of a variety of different assignments. The weight of each assignment is determined by the instructor and should be clearly stated in the instructor's syllabus.

## D. Grading Scale

A = 90-100 B = 80-89 C = 70-79 D = 60-69 F = below 60 I = Incomplete W = Withdrew or Withdrawn

## V. Disability Statement (American with/Disabilities Act [ADA])

EPCC offers a variety of services to persons with documented sensory, mental, physical, or temporary disabling conditions to promote success in classes. If you have a disability and believe you may need services, you are encouraged to contact the Center for Students with Disabilities to discuss your needs with a counselor. All discussions and documentation are kept confidential. Offices located: VV Rm C-112 (831-2426); TM Rm 1400 (831-5808); RG Rm B-201 (831-4198); NWC Rm M-54 (831-8815); and MDP Rm A-125 (831-7024).

### VI. 6 Drop Rule

Students who began attending Texas public institutions of higher education for the first time during the Fall 2007 semester or later are subject to a 6-Drop limit for all undergraduate classes. Developmental, ESL, Dual Credit and Early College High School classes are exempt from this rule. All students should consult with their instructor before dropping a class. Academic assistance is available. Students are encouraged to see Counseling Services if dropping because exemptions may apply. Refer to the EPCC catalog and website for additional information.

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