

**El Paso Community College  
Syllabus  
Part II  
Official Course Description**

<b>SUBJECT AREA</b>	<u>English</u>								
<b>COURSE RUBRIC AND NUMBER</b>	<u>HUMA 1305</u>								
<b>COURSE TITLE</b>	<u>Introduction to Mexican American Studies (F)</u>								
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**I. Catalog Description**

This interdisciplinary survey examines the different cultural, artistic, economic, historical, political, and social aspects of the Mexican American/Chicano/a communities. It also covers issues such as dispossession, immigration, transnationalism, and other topics that have shaped the Mexican American experience. **Prerequisite: ENGL 1301 with a “C” or better (can be taken concurrently). (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.
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.

#### **E. 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 (Americans 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.

## **VII. Title IX and Sex Discrimination**

Title 9 (20 U.S.C. 1681 & 34 C.F.R. Part 106) states the following "No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any educational program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance." The Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) prohibits stalking, date violence, sexual violence, and domestic violence for all students, employees and visitors (male and female). If you have any concerns related to discrimination, harassment, or assault (of any type) you can contact the Assistant to the Vice President for Student and Enrollment Services at 915-831-2655. Employees can call the Manager of Employee Relations at 915-831-6458. Reports of sexual assault/violence may also be reported to EPCC Police at 915-831-2200.