

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT EL PASO
CLASSROOM SYLLABUS

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

Course Title:	Chicana/o Studies: La Chicana
Course Number & CRN:	CHIC 3301 CRN 11705 & WS 3301 CRN 14920
Course Credit Hours:	3 Semester Hours
Course Dates/Location:	August 26, 2019 through December 5, 2018 @ EDUC. Room 112 9AM-12PM

Required Materials:

Required Text:

Anzaldúa, G. (1987). *Borderlands: la frontera* (Vol. 4). San Francisco: Aunt Lute. ISBN:978-1-879960-85-5

Moraga, C., & Anzaldúa, G. (Eds.). (2015). *This bridge called my back: Writings by radical women of color*. Suny Press. ISBN- 978-1-4384-5438-2

All additional readings will be provided in PDF format and emailed as a course reading packet.

Access to computer and internet

II. INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION

Instructor: Josie Carmona

Office Hours: Saturdays 8:30-9:00 AM & 12:00-12:30 PM in EDUC Room 112 or by appointment

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III. SPECIFIC COURSE INFORMATION

Course Description:

This course is an interdisciplinary examination of the social, political, and economic forces that characterize Chicana/o or ethnic Mexican identities in the United States. By comparing and contrasting historical and contemporary ethnic Mexican experiences, students will better understand how issues of nationalism, whiteness, masculinity, homophobia, and globalization re-define, incorporate, or neglect Chicana/o identities in the United States. This course utilizes the categories of gender and sexuality to analyze these topics and pays close attention to Chicana and third world feminism to better understand how Chicana identities challenge and negotiate U.S. norms. Through texts, films, and discussion this class explores a variety of Chicana/o identities and how these identities are produced and conversely destabilized.

Course Outcomes:

1. Develop the critical thinking and analytical skills necessary for effective communication both orally and written.
2. Identify, analyze, and articulate the central themes in Mexican American community and identity formation.
3. Identify and analyze differences and similarities among Mexican American experiences over time and space.
4. Demonstrate their understanding of the concepts of gender, sexuality, race, and class by using them to identify experiences of privilege and inequality as well as collaboration and conflict, within and between U.S. Latina/o communities.
5. Use an interdisciplinary approach to connect the past to the present in an effort to better understand the world around them and themselves as global citizens.

V. GRADING

Grade Scale:

Letter Grade	%
A	90-100
B	80-89
C	70-79
D	60-69
F	59 and less

Grade Weighting:

Critical Reflection Blog #1	10%
Critical Reflection Blog #2	10%
Critical Reflection Blog #3	10%
Critical Reflection Blog #4	10%
Midterm Exam	20%
Final Exam	20%
Cajitas Project	15%
Class Participation	5%
Total	100%

VI. COURSE POLICIES

Academic Dishonesty:

Academic dishonesty is prohibited and is considered a violation of the UTEP Handbook of Operating Procedures. It includes, but is not limited to cheating, plagiarism, and collusion. Cheating may involve copying from or providing information to another student, processing unauthorized materials during a test, or falsifying research data on laboratory reports. Plagiarism occurs when someone intentionally or knowingly represents the words or ideas of another person's as one's own. Collusion, involves collaborating with another person to commit any academically dishonest act. Any act of academic dishonesty attempted by a UTEP student is unacceptable and will not be tolerated. Violations will be taken seriously and will be referred to the Dean of Students Office for disciplinary action. Students may be suspended or expelled from the University for such actions

Students with Disabilities:

I will make any reasonable accommodations for students with limitations due to disabilities, including learning disabilities. Please see me personally before or after class in the first two weeks or make an appointment, to discuss any special needs you might have. If you have a documented disability and require specific accommodations you will need to contact the Center for Accommodations and Support Services (CASS) at 747-5148, or by email to cass@utep.edu, or visit their office located in UTEP Union East, Room 106 within the first two weeks for classes. For additional information please visit the CASS website at www.sa.utep.edu/cass

Deadline Policy:

Deadline for assignments and quizzes is 11:59 PM (MST) on the due date; CHECK COURSE CALENDAR for all due dates and deadlines as late submissions will not be graded. Please ensure that you carefully read the *Course Calendar* and all instructions. It is your responsibility to meet all class requirements.

Graduate credit for this course:

In order to obtain graduate credit for this course, you must satisfactorily complete a graduate level project with a topic and parameters approved beforehand by the course instructor.