Now accepting applications for Fall 2019 admission

APPLY TODAY!
Deadlines: April 1 (online application) and April 20 (supporting documents).

BACKGROUND
CCS at SJSU is the longest-running graduate program in Chicana and Chicano Studies in the country and one of only a handful of programs in California offering graduate degrees specifically in the area of Chicana and Chicano Studies. We are always building and developing the program to meet the needs of students and fulfill the goals of Chicana and Chicano Studies today. We are committed to training the next generation of Chicana and Chicano Studies scholars and activists to take on the vast array of issues facing academia and our communities today.

COME VISIT (or invite us to your campus)
We welcome students to come sit in on classes, meet the faculty, and talk to current students. Prospective students can join us any time during the year. We have also been making visits to campuses to do presentations on the program, so feel free to invite us to your campus.

WHAT'S HAPPENING
This is a great time to join our program!

* CCS at SJSU is growing: Our enrollments have been steadily increasing, we have a new undergraduate major, and have three new faculty members who started in the Fall, bringing us to 7 tenure-line faculty in Chicana and Chicano Studies with other long-term lecturers with expertise in a number of areas.

* We are continuing to develop our curriculum, and responding to the interests of our students. We have strong cornerstone courses in each of our emphases: Education, Policy Analysis, and Comparative Ethnic Studies. We look forward to using the new major to expand our offerings to graduate students, as we plan to introduce experimental courses that highlight the research of our new faculty.

* We have been admitting dynamic and diverse cohorts of students, including students from across the Bay Area, the state and the country. There is an amazing community of dedicated students in CCS at SJSU.

* Our students have been heavily involved in the Annual Meeting of the National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies. Each year, they present their research, serve as moderators, and attend the conference. This opportunity often leads them to develop relationships that result in admission to doctoral programs and working with NACCS scholars at other universities.

* Our students are regularly accepted into doctoral programs. Recent CCS Alumni have gone on to enroll in top doctoral programs that include the University of California (UC Davis, UC Irvine, UCLA, UC Santa Cruz), University of Utah, University of Washington, the University of Texas, and Claremont Graduate University.

* We have an Applied Chicana Studies option for our students. This allows students who are not pursuing research careers to focus on applied work so they can complete the Master’s without doing a thesis or research project, but still develop expertise in areas related to their interests. CCS students have developed exciting Applied Chicana Studies projects, including:
  
  • Analyzing community based strategies for developing wealth in poor communities
  • Podcasts as a New Form of Knowledge Production for Latinx Navigation and Success in Higher Education
  • Understanding the Collective Power of Farmworker Communities
  • Assessing the impact of Mundane and Perpetual Violence in Schools on Latinx students
  • Applying the Lessons from Familial Remedios to developing more holistic approaches to health in communities
  • Deconstructing the leaks in the Chicana Educational Pipeline in a number of different ways to increase Chicana student success

Deadlines and Requirements

• April 1: SJSU online application | Official Transcripts | $55 application fee. Check out Graduate Admissions and Program Evaluations for further information and instructions.

• April 20: Personal Statement | Writing Sample | Two Letters of Recommendation. Descriptions of these documents can be found at the Application Requirements page of our department website. Applicants should get these materials in by April 1 if possible.

Questions? Please contact Marcos Pizarro via email or phone (408-924-5584). You can also get more info on SJSU’s CCS department at our website.