The University of Northern Colorado’s Mexican American Studies program is the gateway to career opportunities in community health, globalization, teacher education, social justice and public policy or youth advocacy. This program offers students the opportunity to engage in thriving careers as well as obtaining intercultural competencies as professionals as needed in today’s working society.

**WORKING INTERNSHIPS**

Students have recently interned at locations including:

- Kaplan Morrell Attorneys at Law
- Global Refugee Center
- The Boys & Girls Club of Weld County
- Rodarte Community Center
- Weld County Public Defender’s Office
- Weld County School District 6
- Credit Recovery Program at Greeley
- Middle and High Schools
- UNC’s César Chávez Cultural Center

This degree also prepares students for graduate school in multiple areas including law school, graduate school, library sciences, community and regional planning, social work, health education, public administrations, professional writing and educational administration.

**BUILDING CAREERS**

- **Community Health and Nutrition Professions:** school and community health programs
- **Globalization and Migration:** nonprofits, journalism, immigration law, international communication
- **Youth Advocacy:** public schools, criminal justice professions, public defenders offices
- **Public Policy and Social Justice:** local and national government and politics; regional planning
- **Education:** teaching K-12, diversity planning, film production

According to LinkedIn, students who study Mexican American Studies, Chicano Studies, Hispanic-American Studies, hold jobs in education, community and social services, business development, research, media, and more. Many of the graduates are working for schools, insurance companies, Google, universities, human resources, criminal justice and health departments.¹

**2016 MEDIAN SALARIES²**

- Teacher K-12 $55,490
- Community and Social Services $42,990
- Social and Human Services $46,890
- Media and Communication $54,780
- Police, Fire, and Ambulance Dispatchers $38,870
- Accounts Receivable Clerk $38,137
- Legal Assistant $49,500
- Case Manager $43,885
- Intake Specialist $33,886

Sources:

¹ [www.linkedin.com](http://www.linkedin.com)

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WHAT TO EXPECT IN THE MEXICAN AMERICAN STUDIES PROGRAM

As a student, you’ll examine contemporary reality of Mexican American life through the lens of history, literature, sociology, political science, gender studies and psychology. You’ll experience small classes that are guided by top faculty who are native speakers of the Spanish language, many of whom have experience living in bilingual and bicultural homes.

Students gain an interdisciplinary background that helps develop analytical, critical thinking, and writing skills while gaining knowledge about the cultures, histories, and languages of Mexico as well as Latinos in the United States. When paired with a major in another field, Mexican American Studies can enhance the employability of a student because of a deeper understanding of the Latino experience which many organizations will value. Training in this field can lead to a better appreciation of certain customers or clients.

MEXICAN AMERICAN STUDIES MAY BE A GOOD FIT IF YOU:

• Enjoy working with people and community members.
• Have a strong interest in finding practical solutions to society’s challenges.
• Posses a deep curiosity about the community diversity.
• Are interested in helping people in a multicultural society.
• Are an educator or teacher at heart.
• Want to create an inclusive environment for all.

LOOK FOR A PROGRAM THAT OFFERS:

• Opportunities to conduct research where you can work side-by-side with experienced faculty.
• Chances to gain practical, hands-on experience through internships and fieldwork.
• Professors and faculty with real-world experience to solve issues.

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