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# MEXICAN-AMERICAN STUDIES



## WHAT IS MEXICAN-AMERICAN STUDIES?

Mexican-American Studies (MAS) is an official Field of Study designated by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. The Mexican-American Studies program at Palo Alto College offers engaging courses that focus on various aspects of Mexican American culture including history, literature, politics, language and art. These courses promote critical thinking skills and prepare students to be global citizens in our rapidly-changing society.

## WHY MAS?

Did you know that the Mexican-American/Latino population will be the majority of people in Texas by the year 2025 or sooner? With the U.S. Latina/o population expected to triple by 2050, now is a critical time to learn the skills to effectively prepare for this significant population shift.

The MAS program provides students with these skills through courses that provide a deep understanding of the complex history and issues relevant to this population.

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## CAREER AREAS

MAS courses and degrees give students marketable skills which will enable students to obtain jobs in the following fields:

- Arts & Culture
- City & Urban Planning
- Education
- Foreign Service
- Government
- Historian
- Housing Development
- Human Resources
- Law
- Non-Profit Organizations
- Postsecondary Teaching
- Public Health
- Social Services
- Youth Work

## DEGREES OFFERED

Associate of Arts, concentration in Mexican-American Studies

The MAS program at Palo Alto College has articulation agreements with local universities to facilitate transfer to institutions offering MAS Bachelor of Arts programs. In addition, MAS courses can lead to advanced degrees, including a Masters of Arts (M.A.), Masters in Social Work (M.S.W.), Juris Doctorate (J.D.) and Doctorate of Philosophy (Ph.D.).

## GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

Want to learn more about Mexican-American history, literature, arts, politics and culture, but not sure if you want to make it your Focus of Study? Start by taking various MAS courses to fulfill various general education core requirements. Contact your assigned academic advisor for a complete list of courses.

## TRANSFER PLANS

Palo Alto College intends to ensure each student's courses count toward a baccalaureate degree sought at their selected transfer university. Students should work with their assigned advisor to identify the specific courses required by the four-year institution which they plan to attend.

## OTHER PROGRAMS AVAILABLE

Palo Alto College offers a variety of specialized courses in the Behavioral Sciences. For more information about these programs, visit [alamo.edu/pac/behavioral-sciences](http://alamo.edu/pac/behavioral-sciences).



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