



CULTURAL STUDIES

College of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences



Program Description

The **Bachelor of Arts in Cultural Studies** is an innovative, interdisciplinary field of research and teaching that investigates how cultures make meaning. It examines how systems of representation such as language, the media, and the arts construct and influence social values, identities, and institutions. Combining the strengths of the Social Sciences, Humanities and the Visual and Performing Arts, Cultural Studies uses the subject matter, methods, and theories of traditional disciplines such as Literary Studies, Sociology, Communications, Art, and Anthropology. In addition, Cultural Studies addresses issues and ideas central to the growing fields of Women's Studies, Ethnic Studies, Post-Colonial Studies and popular culture. In Cultural Studies courses, students learn to interrogate how values and worldviews are formed by culture.

Career Opportunities

The critical thinking, writing, and interpersonal skills developed in the Cultural Studies program prepare students for a competitive and highly diverse marketplace. Cultural Studies majors and minors will be prepared to continue their academic study in traditional disciplines such as English, History, Anthropology, or Religious Studies as well as in interdisciplinary fields such as Women's Studies, Film and Media Studies, and Post-Colonial Studies. Students entering the workforce directly after graduation will be prepared to use their skills in applied settings such as museums, community arts programs, publishing, advertising, and service agencies. Recent graduates are working in higher education administration, non-profit service organizations, and international business.

Faculty

Since Cultural Studies is an interdisciplinary program, faculty from a variety of fields contribute to the curriculum. They include

- Dr. Emily Clark, Associate Professor of English (Ph.D., Texas A&M University)
- Dr. Paul Lewis, Associate Professor of Philosophy (Ph.D., University of Kentucky)
- Dr. Julie Miller, Associate Professor and Chair, Cultural Studies and Religious Studies (Th.D., Harvard Divinity School)
- Dr. Hector Pérez, Associate Professor of English (Ph.D., University of Texas at Austin)
- Kathy Vargas, Associate Professor of Art (MFA, University of Texas at San Antonio)

Requirements for the B.A. in Cultural Studies (36 semester hours)

Required CLST courses (18 semester hours)

- ANTH 1311 Cultural Anthropology
- CLST 2315 Introduction to Cultural Studies
- CLST 2320 Cultural Studies Method: Inquiry and Evidence
- CLST 3325 Cultural Studies Theory
- CLST 3110 Cultural Studies Colloquia
- CLST 3115 Cultural Studies Colloquia
- CLST 3120 Cultural Studies Colloquia
- CLST 4310 Senior Seminar

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CLST-approved Electives (18 semester hours, 12 of which must be upper-division courses): Students may select courses from a wide range of topics and disciplines. Check the Undergraduate Bulletin for specific courses from which you may choose.

Art (at least 6, incl. Native Crafts)
Art History (select from 11 courses, incl. History of Photography; Native American Art; Modern Art of Mexico)
Communication Arts (10, incl. Communications, Technology, and Society; Media Ethics)
English (9, incl. Literary Theory; World Literature Studies)
Fashion Management (Psychology of Clothing) Fashion Merchandising (2)
Geography (2, incl. Geography and Ethnic Groups of Texas and the Southwest)
Government (9, incl. Comparative Politics)
History (8, incl. Colonial Latin America)
International Business (Latin American Economics) Marketing (4, incl. Consumer Behavior)
Music (2, incl. History of Jazz)
Philosophy (15, incl. Feminist Philosophy) Psychology (5, incl. Multicultural Issues)
Religious Studies (15, incl. U.S. Latino/a Spirituality; Feminist Theology; Theologies of Liberation)
Sociology (9, incl. Social Issues Through Cinema; Crime and Delinquency)
Spanish (3, incl. Literature of U.S. Hispanics)
Theatre Arts (Theatre Appreciation)

**Minor in Cultural Studies
(21 semester hours)**

Required CLST courses (15 semester hours)

ANTH 1311 Cultural Anthropology
CLST 2315 Intro. to Cultural Studies
CLST 2320 Cultural Studies Method:
Inquiry and Evidence
CLST 3325 Cultural Studies Theory
CLST 3110 Cultural Studies Colloquia
CLST 3115 Cultural Studies Colloquia
CLST 3120 Cultural Studies Colloquia

CLST-approved Electives (6 semester hours, all upper-division): See the Undergraduate Bulletin for the list of specific courses from which you may choose.

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