

South Plains College: Common Course Syllabus

Department: Behavioral Sciences

Discipline: Humanities

Course Number: HUMA 1305

Course Title: Introduction to Mexican American Studies

Semester Hour Credit: 3 Hours; 3 Lecture Hours; 0 Lab Hours (3:3:0)

This course satisfies a core curriculum requirement: Yes (Behavioral Science)

Prerequisites:

none for campus; TSI reading compliance for Internet

Available Formats:

Conventional and Internet

Textbook:

There is NO textbook for this course. Electronic readings, videos, and other forms of media will be made available to all students in lieu of a textbook. You're welcome.

Supplies: Textbook access, a computer/laptop and Internet access for all course formats and campuses. Note: Cell phones and tablets may be used for accessing some functions in Blackboard but do not work well with all functions.

Course Specific Instructions:

Internet classes access Blackboard from South Plains College homepage on the first day of the semester. Campus classes may use Blackboard for course material, see instructor's course information sheet for specifics.

Course description:

This interdisciplinary survey examines the different cultural, artistic, economic, historical, political, and social aspects of the Mexican American/Chicano/a communities. It also covers issues such as dispossession, immigration, transnationalism, and other topics that have shaped the Mexican American experience.

Course Purpose/Rationale/Goal:

The purpose of this course emphasizes the cultural diversity of Mexican Americans. This is an introduction to the field of Mexican American studies from its inception to the present. Interdisciplinary survey designed to introduce students to the salient cultural, economic, educational, historical, political, and social aspects of the Mexican American experience.

Course Requirements:

To maximize the potential to complete this course, students should attend all classes, log into Blackboard multiple times per week, read required textbook/course materials, complete required homework/assignments and/or examinations. See instructor's course information sheet for specifics.

Student Learning Outcomes/Competencies:

Upon successful completion of this course, students will:

1. Analyze the developmental history, culture, and struggles for equality of Mexican Americans.
2. Articulate an informed personal response and critically analyze works by Mexican Americans in the arts and humanities.

3. Describe the impact of discrimination on the everyday life of Mexican Americans in the context of social, political, and economic circumstances.
4. Analyze minority group interactions in the United States focusing on immigration and migration patterns.
5. Formulate an understanding of shifting definitions of Mexican American cultural identities.

Core Objectives:

Communication skills- to include effective written, oral and visual communication.

Critical thinking skills- to include creative thinking, innovation, inquiry and analysis, evaluation and synthesis of information.

Social Responsibility- to include the demonstrated intercultural knowledge and competence, knowledge of civic responsibility, and the ability to engage effectively in regional, national and global communities.

Personal Responsibility-to include the ability to connect choices, actions, and consequences to ethical decision-making.

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Course Evaluations:

Refer to Instructor's course information sheet for specifics coursework and grading.

Attendance Policy:

Students are expected to attend all classes in order to be successful in a course. The student may be administratively withdrawn from the course when absences become excessive as defined in the course syllabus.

When an unavoidable reason for class absence arises, such as illness, an official trip authorized by the college or an official activity, the instructor may permit the student to make up work missed. It is the student's responsibility to complete work missed within a reasonable period of time as determined by the instructor. Students are officially enrolled in all courses for which they pay tuition and fees at the time of registration. Should a student, for any reason, delay in reporting to a class after official enrollment, absences will be attributed to the student from the first-class meeting.

Students who enroll in a course but have "Never Attended" by the official census date, as reported by the faculty member, will be administratively dropped by the Office of Admissions and Records. A student who does not meet the attendance requirements of a class as stated in the course syllabus and does not officially withdraw from that course by the official census date of the semester, may be administratively withdrawn from that course and/or receive a grade of "X" or "F" as determined by the instructor. Instructors are responsible for clearly stating their administrative drop policy in the course syllabus, and it is the student's responsibility to be aware of that policy.

It is the student's responsibility to verify administrative drops for excessive absences through Texan Connect. If it is determined that a student is awarded financial aid for a class or classes in which the student never attended or participated, the financial aid award will be adjusted in accordance with the classes in which the student did attend/participate and the student will owe any balance resulting from the adjustment.

See instructor's Course Information Sheet for additions to the attendance policy.

For information regarding official South Plains College statements about intellectual exchange, disabilities, non-discrimination, Title V Pregnancy Accommodations, CARE Team, and Campus Concealed Carry, please visit <https://www.southplainscollege.edu/syllabusstatements/>.

Academic Integrity Policy:

It is the aim of the faculty of South Plains College to foster a spirit of complete honesty and a high standard of integrity. The attempt of any student to present as his or her own any work which he or she has not honestly performed is regarded by the faculty and administration as a most serious offense and renders the offender liable to serious consequences, possibly suspension.

Cheating:

Dishonesty of any kind on examinations or on written assignments, illegal possession of examinations, the use of unauthorized notes during an examination, obtaining information during an examination from the text- book or from the examination paper of another student, assisting others to cheat, alteration of grade records, illegal entry or unauthorized presence in an office are examples of cheating. Complete honesty is required of the student in the presentation of any and all phases of course work. This applies to quizzes of whatever length, as well as to assignments and examinations, to daily reports and to term papers.

Plagiarism:

Offering the work of another as one's own, without proper acknowledgment, is plagiarism; therefore, any student who fails to give credit for quotations or essentially identifiable expression of material taken from books, Internet resources, encyclopedias, magazines and other reference works, or from the themes, reports or other writings of a fellow student, is guilty of plagiarism. See *South Plains College Student Guide* and *South Plains College General Catalog* for more information. Also, see instructor's course information sheet for more information.

More Information About Plagiarism and Cheating: Students are expected to do their own work on all projects, quizzes, assignments, examinations, and papers. Failure to comply with this policy will result in an F for the assignment and can result in an F for the course if circumstances warrant.

Plagiarism violations include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Turning in a paper that has been purchased, borrowed, or downloaded from another student, an online term paper site, or a mail order term paper mill.
- Cutting and pasting together information from books, articles, other papers, or online sites without providing proper documentation.
- Using direct quotations (three or more words) from a source without showing them to be direct quotations and citing them; or
- Missing in-text citations.

Cheating violations include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Obtaining an examination by stealing or collusion.
- Discovering the content of an examination before it is given.
- Using an unauthorized source of information (notes, textbook, text messaging, internet, apps) during an examination, quiz, or homework assignment.
- Entering an office or building to obtain unfair advantage.
- Taking an examination for another.
- Altering grade records.
- Copying another's work during an examination or on a homework assignment.
- Rewriting another student's work in Peer Editing so that the writing is no longer the original student's.
- Taking pictures of a test, test answers, or someone else's paper.

Student Conduct Policy:

Classroom Conduct: Failure to follow lawful direction of a classroom teacher relative to maintaining good order is considered misconduct on the part of the student. Repeated violations of disrupting a class may result in the student being dropped from that course.

See *South Plains College Student Guide* for full policy covering other areas of conduct including penalties for misconduct and procedures for disciplinary action.

COVID-19 Statement:

If you are experiencing any of the following symptoms, please do not attend class and either seek medical attention or test for COVID-19.

- Cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing
- Fever or chills
- Muscles or body aches
- Vomiting or diarrhea
- New loss of taste and smell

Please also notify DeEtte Edens, BSN, RN, Associate Director of Health & Wellness, at dedens@southplainscollege.edu or 806-716-2376. Proof of a positive test is required. A home test is sufficient but students must submit a photo of the positive result. The date of test must be written on the test result and an ID included in the photo. If tested elsewhere (clinic, pharmacy, etc.), please submit a copy of the doctor's note or email notification. Results may be emailed to DeEtte Edens, BSN, RN at dedens@southplainscollege.edu.

Tobacco Products:

South Plains College prohibits the use of any tobacco product, electronic cigarette, or vapor device throughout all indoor areas and within a 25-foot perimeter around all facility entrances, exits and HVAC air intake vents under the control of SPC, including sporting facilities and SPC vehicles. Included in this ban are tobacco products of all types (including, but not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, pipes, chewing tobacco, snuff and all other kinds and forms of tobacco prepared in such a manner to be suitable for spit tobacco use, smoking, or both). This ban also includes herbal tobacco products and simulated tobacco products that imitate or mimic tobacco products such as e-cigarettes, vapor cigarettes, pipes or other types of inhalation devices.

Campus Concealed Carry Statement:

Texas Government Code 411.2031 et al. authorizes the carrying of a concealed handgun in South Plains College buildings by individuals and in accordance with Texas Government Code 411.209 (a). All holders of a valid Texas License to Carry may carry on their person a handgun that is concealed in accordance with Texas Penal Code 46.03 (a-2). Qualified law enforcement officers or those who are otherwise authorized to carry a concealed handgun in the State of Texas are also permitted to do so. Pursuant to Penal Code (PC) 46.035 and South Plains College policy. Individuals may not carry a concealed handgun in restricted locations. For a list of locations and Frequently Asked Questions, please refer to the Campus Carry page at: <https://www.southplainscollege.edu/campuscarry.php> Report violations to the College Police Department at 806-716-2396 or 9-1-1.

Grade and Academic Discipline Appeals:

South Plains College provides two procedures which allow students the opportunity to address grievances of an academic nature.

Appeal Restrictions:

Only final grades or dismissal resulting from academic discipline will be considered. The instructor's teaching ability or expertise will not be considered during the hearing. No grade or disciplinary action can be formally appealed after a period of six (6) months from the date that the student is informed.

Informal Appeal:

1. The student should schedule an appointment with the instructor of the course to discuss the final grade or disciplinary action.
2. If the student is still not satisfied, she should schedule an appointment with the appropriate departmental chairperson to discuss the situation. The chairperson may request that the instructor also be present.
3. If the student is still not satisfied, he she should schedule an appointment with the Divisional Dean to discuss the situation. The dean may request that the chairperson also be present.
4. If the student is still not satisfied, he she should be advised of the formal appeal process.

Formal Appeal:

1. If the student is not satisfied with the results of the informal appeal, s/he should provide the following information, in writing, to the Vice President for Academic Affairs:
 2. A request for a formal appeal hearing.
 3. A brief statement of what is being appealed.
 4. The basis for the appeal.
 5. Pertinent facts relating to the appeal.

The agenda of the appeals hearing will include only those factors documented in the student's appeal request letter. The Vice President for Academic Affairs will determine the date, time and place of the hearing, and notify the student accordingly.

The Hearing Composition of the appeals committee:

- Vice President for Academic Affairs will preside over the hearing.
- Faculty member of the student's choice.
- Faculty member and student selected by the Vice President for Academic Affairs.
- President of Student Government Association.
- Dean of Students.
- Other persons who should be available at the hearing:
 - The student who requested the hearing.
 - The faculty member involved.
 - Anyone the student or faculty member wishes to be present to substantiate the case.
 - Chairperson and Divisional Dean.

Hearing procedure:

The committee will hear the student's appeal during which the parties to the controversy and such representatives as desired will present all facts relating to the case. By majority vote, the committee will decide to sustain, amend or reverse the previous decision.

The decision of the committee is final and completes the academic appeals procedure.

See *South Plains College Student Guide* for more information.

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INSTRUCTOR-SPECIFIC COURSE INFORMATION SHEET

HUMA 1305
Mexican-American Studies
Fall 2023

Instructor: Morgan Keener

Office: Plainview 101H

Phone: 806.716.4320

Email: mkeener@southplainscollege.edu or through Blackboard Email

Office Hours: Mondays & Wednesday 8:00-9:30am; Tuesdays and Thursdays 11:00-1:00pm; Fridays 11:00-12:00pm

Required Text: No textbook is required. Weekly readings are provided for you.

How this Course is conducted:

This course is a blended course, which means that you will attend face to face, in a regular classroom setting, twice a week for lectures and instruction; **but** you will access Blackboard for all of your course work and for your grades.

Logging into Blackboard:

To access your course, go to <https://southplainscollege.blackboard.com/> or go to the SPC Homepage and click on the "Login to" link in the top right-hand portion of the page and then click on the Blackboard link on the pull-down or you can type or copy the address into the address window of your computer. I recommend that you bookmark Blackboard on your computer for quick access. You can also log into MySPC and there is a Blackboard link there. Once you reach the site you will click "Log In". The log-in screen will come up asking for your user name and password. Simply follow the instructions on the screen.

OTHER INFORMATION concerning Blackboard:

Open Computer Lab: There is an Open Computer Lab located on the Levelland campus in the Technology Center. It is available to all students, with priority given to those students enrolled in computer classes. Computers are also available on the Reese Center, Lubbock, and Plainview campuses. Check with libraries and labs for hours.

Technical Problems/Support: If you are having computer problems, you have to let me know. I will try to help you in any way that I can. Please remember that it is your responsibility to have a backup plan if your computer goes down. Please have this plan in place now and do not wait until it is a crisis situation. If you lose your course work due to bad flash drives, Internet service down, computer crash, or your dog

ate your homework, there is nothing I can do about it. **THIS IS YOUR WARNING TO HAVE A BACKUP PLAN IN PLACE.**

- **IMPORTANT:** Most tech issues are related to failure to update java, using the incorrect internet browser (try use Google Chrome or Firefox instead of Internet Explorer), and/or not deleting browsing history files daily. Most issues are related to computer issues, not Blackboard. Please note that this instructor does NOT recommend use of any handheld devices for taking this course. Cellphones are wonderful but not for course work done on the Internet.
- Reminder - **bookmark** the Blackboard login page on your computer.

SPC Technical Support Contact: Call (806) 716-2180 or email at Blackboard@southplainscollege.edu for student technical support. I am your course work support contact. Only call or e-mail technical support with questions about Blackboard or computer functioning. There is Technical Support information in the Start Here area of your Blackboard course. It contains links to Student Tutorials and the Student Orientation Course for Blackboard. Contact me for any course content information.

PLEASE DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE TO TURN COURSE WORK IN OR YOU MAY HAVE PROBLEMS! Remember the saying "TECHNOLOGY HAPPENS"!

Anti-virus Software: Please make sure that your computer has an up-to-date antivirus software program installed.

Academic Integrity: In addition to the policy in the Common Course Syllabus, it should be understood that students found guilty of cheating or plagiarism will earn a zero on the work in question for the first offense and will be dropped from the course with an 'F' should a second offense occur. Any amount of dishonesty is subject to these consequences, whether a lot or a little; this can include but is not limited to one copied sentence of a written assignment, a missing citation, an entire paper copied from someone/somewhere else, one plagiarized post on a discussion board, one copied exam item, looking at the scantron of another student during an exam or an exam or other coursework completed by someone other than yourself. You have also committed academic dishonesty when sharing course content/items/answers. This includes sharing course content with classmates or future students as well as sharing course content on websites such as Quizlet, Course Hero, or similar "study applications." For further information and examples please see the Catalog, Student Guide, or refer to www.plagiarism.org

There is an APA Citation tutorial in the Applying the Sociological Imagination Essay section of your Blackboard course.

Smoke free environment: The following is the SPC policy on tobacco use.

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Attendance Policy: The following is in addition to the Common Course Syllabus:

You are expected to attend class in person and remain for the entire class. Attendance is necessary as test questions will also come from the lecture, class discussion and other material received in class as well as the textbook. If you are late, it is your responsibility to speak with the instructor to see if you missed an important announcement or assignment at the beginning of the class. Please communicate with me if you plan to be absent – this is your responsibility as a student.

Blackboard “Participation” in this class is **mandatory** – this is how you earn your grade. There are numerous assignments which should force you to log-in continuously. I understand that each of you has your own schedule and will be logging-in at different times. That’s fine. All that is expected of you is that you **GET THE WORK DONE!!**

Each assignment and discussion have a dictated due DATE and TIME. It is your responsibility to get the work done and submitted to me by the designated time/date. If you are unable to log-in or complete your work for any reason, **YOU MUST CONTACT ME ASAP!** Excuses such as “The network was down,” or “I could not figure out how to send the assignment through the assignments function” are not acceptable. In short, plan ahead and **do not wait until the last minute to submit your assignments.**

It is the student’s responsibility to drop the course on or before the last drop date of the semester to avoid failure. Administrative drops will not be made by the instructor, unless student has discussed/made arrangements with me.

Covid Syllabus Statement

The following statement should be included in all course syllabi for face-to-face and hybrid instruction options:

If you are experiencing any of the following symptoms, please do not attend class and either seek medical attention or test for COVID-19.

- Cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing
- Fever or chills
- Muscles or body aches
- Vomiting or diarrhea
- New loss of taste and smell

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A student is clear to return to class without further assessment from DeEtte Edens, BSN, RN if they have completed the 5-day isolation period, symptoms have improved, and they are without fever for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication.

Students must communicate with DeEtte Edens, BSN, RN prior to their return date if still symptomatic at the end of the 5-day isolation.

Technical help with Blackboard and Student Support Services: Links are provided on your Blackboard Home page under Start Here for Course Requirements.

COURSE POLICY AND REQUIREMENTS

This is what you need to do to **earn** your grade

Introduction module: Course agreement quiz – you must complete this to remain in the course

Course Work: *You are responsible for all of your readings and assignments.* This course is conducted seminar style, meaning we will be discussing the readings in class, therefore, it is required that you read/review each provided reading PRIOR to class. In addition to weekly readings, you must complete the following assignments.

- 8 Application assignments
- 2 Discussions
- Midterm project
- Final project

All grades will be posted in Blackboard under the My Grades link.

Total Possible Points you can earn is 600. Your overall letter grade/percentage is based solely on the points you earn. Please reference the grading scale below. **Grades are NOT rounded up**

Grading Scale:

A = 540 – 600

B = 480 – 539

C = 420 – 479

D = 360 – 419

F = 0 – 359

If you have any questions about any of the course work or anything about the course material do not hesitate to speak to me during office hours, before/during/after class, or via Blackboard e-mail.

Extra credit opportunities will be made available during the semester. I recommend that you take advantage of those opportunities as they become available as I will not make extra credit available on individual request.

Course Calendar Fall 2023

All assignments modules are due on Sundays by 11:59pm

Date	Day of the Week	Course Work
Aug 28	Monday	Classes begin Weekly Readings 1
Sept 3	Sunday	Course Agreement Quiz Weekly Readings 2
Sept 10	Sunday	Application Assignment 1 Weekly Readings 3
Sept 17	Sunday	Application Assignment 2 Weekly Readings 4
Sept 24	Sunday	Discussion 1 Weekly Readings 5
Oct 1	Sunday	Application Assignment 3 Weekly Readings 6
Oct 8	Sunday	Application Assignment 4 Weekly Readings 7
Oct 15	Sunday	Midterm Weekly Readings 8
Oct 22	Sunday	Application Assignment 5

		Weekly Readings 9
Oct 29	Sunday	Application Assignment 6 Weekly Readings 10
Nov 5	Sunday	Discussion 2 Weekly Readings 11
Nov 12	Sunday	Application Assignment 7 Weekly Readings 12
Nov 19	Sunday	Application Assignment 8 Weekly Readings 13
Nov 22-24	Wed-Fri	Thanksgiving Break
Nov 26	Sunday	Weekly Readings 14
Nov 30	Thursday	Last day to drop Fall courses
Dec 3	Sunday	Final Project Part 1
Dec 10	Sunday	Final Project Part 2

This calendar is subject to change. Students will be notified in class and/or through Blackboard of any changes.