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## Cerritos College Offers New Chicano Studies Program

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**NORWALK**, **Calif. – July 17**, **2017 –** Cerritos College's new Mexican American Latino/a Chicano/a Department will offer a <u>Chicano Studies</u> program beginning fall 2017.

The new program features classes from three academic divisions: humanities, liberal arts, and fine arts, and examines Chicano Studies from various aspects, including social science, history, women's studies, political science, language, and art. Students majoring in Chicano Studies enroll in classes from a variety of disciplines that enrich their understanding of the experiences and contributions of Mexican Americans, Chicanos/as and Latinos/as past and present. The Chicano Studies Associate in Arts Degree requires completion of courses from the fields of history, art, women's studies, sociology, philosophy, psychology, English, and Spanish.

"We are excited to bring this new program to increase understanding of Mexican American and Latino communities and a population that played a significant role in shaping our nation's history," said Carlos Arce, Chair, Mexican American Latino/a Chicano/a Department.

The fall 2017 semester begins August 14. To apply to the College for admission, visit <a href="www.cerritos.edu/apply">www.cerritos.edu/apply</a>. For more information about the Chicano Studies Program, contact Carlos Arce at arce@cerritos.edu or visit <a href="www.cerritos.edu/chicano-studies">www.cerritos.edu/chicano-studies</a>.

About Cerritos College: Cerritos College serves as a comprehensive community college for southeastern Los Angeles County. Communities within the college's district include Artesia, Bellflower, Cerritos, Downey, Hawaiian Gardens, La Mirada, Norwalk, and portions of Bell Gardens, Lakewood, Long Beach, Santa Fe Springs and South Gate. Cerritos College offers degrees and certificates in more than 180 areas of study in nine divisions. Annually, more than 1,200 students successfully complete their course of studies, and enrollment currently averages 23,000 students. Visit Cerritos College online at <a href="http://www.cerritos.edu/">http://www.cerritos.edu/</a>.