According to the US Census, Latinos/as numbered 55 million in 2014 (17% of the entire US population), and is now the largest ethnic minority in the country. Though concentrated in the Southwest, Florida, and metropolitan areas such as Chicago and New York City, this social group has spread into the South, the Pacific Northwest, and the Midwest.

In other words, Latinos/as are a prominent part of significant changes in the political, social, economic, and cultural fabric of the United States.

This course is an interdisciplinary exploration of the dynamic history of Latinos/as, the formation of their social identity (or identities), their impact on this country, as well as their diversity and complexity.

This course is a Social and Behavioral Science Foundation and US Diversity course. This course is the required introduction to the Latino/a Studies Certificate and also counts towards the minor in Latin American and Latino/a Studies.

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