

The bibliographic index to the Chicano/Latino experience in the U.S.

The Chicano Database

The Chicano Database, produced by the University of California, Berkeley, Ethnic Studies Library, identifies in one place all types of material about Chicanos and provides uniform subject access to this constantly growing body of literature. Interdisciplinary in nature, this acclaimed database of nearly 60,000 records furthers research, teaching and scholarship for Chicano studies programs and broader ethnic studies curricula. This database is available only on the OCLC® FirstSearch® service.

Key features

An easy-to-use interface: The OCLC® FirstSearch® interface accommodates searchers of all skill levels—basic, advanced and expert. The interface is available in many languages (English, French, Spanish, Japanese, Korean, and traditional and simplified Chinese), and it displays the accents and diacritics in non-English records.

Powerful search capabilities: Use field-specific indexing for word and exact-phrase searching, and browse all 20+ database indexes. Users can also limit their searches by year and other standard search limits.

Links to full-text content: The Chicano Database provides links to these full-text databases: ABI/INFORM, Electronic Collections Online™, Periodical Abstracts, PsycARTICLES and Wilson Select Plus when access has been purchased and enabled. Library staff may also enable linking from FirstSearch citations to other full-text resources when they enable linking to a local OpenURL server.

Links to library holdings in WorldCat: Chicano Database users need to know where to find the resources their searching uncovers, and OCLC's WorldCat® database helps them do that in several ways. They can view a list of libraries (or library groups) in your region or state that own specific items. They can view or search your library's OPAC to access local holdings information. And they can view detailed holdings information in the OCLC Local Holdings Maintenance service.

Key advantages:

Outstanding depth: Citations provide extensive coverage dating to the 1960s, with selective indexing to the early 1900s. Critical to comparative studies, the Chicano Database has also covered the broader Latino experience of Puerto Ricans, Cuban Americans and Central American immigrants since 1992.

Essential for serious research: Wide-ranging in scope—including art, economics, education, folklore, gender studies, mental health, law, poetry, politics and sociology—the Chicano Database gives researchers targeted access to the materials that explore the broad dimensions of class, race and gender of the Chicano and Latino U.S. experience.

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