The Honors Program in Mexican American and Latina/o Studies at UT Austin is designed for students who wish to pursue advanced independent research in the field of study. Students work for an entire year on an Honor's Thesis project with a MALS faculty mentor, and often go on to pursue graduate studies.

Mexican American and Latina/o Studies majors who seek Special Honors should apply to the Senior Academic Coordinator for admission to the Honors Program no later than two semesters before they graduate.

The requirements for admission to the Honors Program are: (1) a UT grade point average of at least 3.0; (2) a grade point average of at least 3.50 in the coursework required for the Mexican American and Latina/o Studies major; and (3) a grade of A in Mexican American Studies 361 or 362. (See Check List below.)

The requirements for graduation with Special Honors, which are in addition to the requirements for the major, are: (1) a University grade point average of at least 3.0; (2) a grade point average of at least 3.50 in the coursework required for the concentration and for honors; (3) a grade of A in Mexican American Studies 361 or 362; (4) Mexican American Studies 679HA, the first semester of the Honors Tutorial Course 679H, with a grade of at least B; (5) satisfactory performance on an oral presentation of the Honors Thesis completed in Mexican American Studies 679H; and (6) completion at the University of at least sixty semester hours of coursework counted toward the degree. (See Check List below.)

Honors Program Admission Criteria Check List

_____ UT GPA of 3.0

_____ MAS GPA of 3.50

_____ MAS 361 or MAS 362 with a grade of A

Special Honors Check List

_____ UT GPA of 3.0

_____ MAS GPA of 3.50

_____ MAS 361 or MAS 362 with a grade of A

_____ MAS 679HA with a grade no less than a B

_____ Oral presentation based on honors thesis completed in MAS 679HB

_____ Completion of at least 60 semester hours toward undergraduate degree