



Student's Name

Instructor's Name

Course

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Personal Statement

Being born within a distinct cultural, racial, or ethnic orientation does not mean that important aspects about a culture is comprehensively known. By virtue of being Latino, I recognized that there is a wealth of information about Chicano studies that I still want to learn. Having graduated with an Associate Degree in Humanities, Behavioral Sciences, and Spanish, and also a Bachelor's Degree in Chicano Studies stirred my drive to pursue higher education, specifically to enroll in Latin American Studies at the University of Southern California's (USC) Dornsife (Dana and David Dornsife, College of Letters, Arts and Sciences). I acknowledge that speaking and writing fluently in Spanish is a plus factor. With Latinos and Hispanics as the greatest ethnic minority group in the United States, I believe that delving in this field of study is relevant and pertinent. Moreover, working as an assistant teacher for two (2) years provided the experience and immersion in the teaching profession. As such, I recognize that the most viable means for professional growth is pursuing higher education in the field of Latin American Studies. I plan to use my educational background through the Bachelor's Degree in Chicano Studies to delve into specialized research in terms of addressing evident gaps in socio-cultural development programs which would uplift the quality of lives of Latin Americans, in general.

My personal and professional goal is to work as a full time teacher at the Los Angeles Community College District. I am confident that when given the chance to further my field of study and specialize in Latin American Studies, I would possess the essential theoretical frameworks and needed skills sets to become an inspiring educator. I envision sharing the beauty



of Latin America as it forged relevant socio-cultural, political, and economic relationships with the United States as a means to enrich its culture.

I am proud to be the first member in my family to attend graduate school. At California State University Long Beach, my exemplary academic discipline enabled me to be included in the Dean's List for three (3) different semesters. The same discipline, perseverance, and determination to excel is deemed to be applied in graduate school. My personal characteristics and traits, in conjunction with the passion for continuous learning, provide the essential prerequisites for pursuing advanced studies. I dream of becoming one of the most influential educators who would inculcate to future students the same fervent passion to learn about Latin American Studies in contemporary times.