**Hispanic-Serving Institution**

UC Merced is the most ethnically diverse campus in the UC system and has been designated a Hispanic-Serving Institution by the U.S. Department of Education since 2010. The designation certifies an enrollment of at least 25 percent Hispanic students. As of fall 2019, 55.5% of UC Merced undergraduate students are Hispanic. The School of Social Sciences, Humanities and Arts is home to a Chicano/a studies minor, which is an interdisciplinary program that introduces students to the complex experiences, history, cultural practices, and social interactions of one of the largest ethnic groups in the United States.

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| **Race** | **Number** | **Percent** |
| **African-American/Black** | 361 | 4.4% |
| **American Indian** | 7 | <1.0% |
| **Asian** | 1,550 | 19% |
| **Hispanic** | 4,526 | 55.5% |
| **International** | 639 | 7.8% |
| **Pacific Islander** | 47 | <1.0% |
| **Two or More Races** | 249 | 3.1% |
| **Unknown/Other** | 43 | <1.0% |
| **White** | 729 | 8.9% |
| **Total** | 8,151 | 100% |