

# Baja California Studies

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### General Description

The Baja California Studies certificate allows students to develop a concentration of study devoted to Baja California that complements any major. The certificate is based on interdisciplinary courses that focus on Baja California. It is not a major but provides students a list of courses that help fulfill general education requirements in various disciplines while focusing intensively on Baja California. Students develop a keen appreciation of the rich connections between the arts, humanities, social life, and physical sciences.

### Career Options

The Baja California Studies certificate complements any major; therefore, it is an asset to those who seek employment opportunities in a variety of fields. It prepares recipients to assume leadership roles in the complex educational, environmental, civic, and health issues facing Baja California and the border region. In addition to expanding employment opportunities, it prepares students to transfer to a four-year degree institution to continue interdisciplinary, Mexican-American, or Latin American studies.

### Degree/Certificate Options

#### Major Code

#### Certificate of Proficiency

Baja California Studies	02891
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*Consult with a counselor to develop a Student Education Plan (SEP), which lists the courses necessary to achieve your academic goal.*

## CERTIFICATE

### Baja California Studies

Certificate of Proficiency

Career/Technical (Major Code: 02891)

Service learning hours that focus on the Baja California region are required in some courses. The hours will be determined by the individual instructor of each course. It is recommended that the student demonstrate an intermediate to high proficiency in the Spanish language, as measured by the Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI) given and evaluated by an OPI certified Southwestern College Spanish instructor.

#### Fall Semester

COMM 176	Intercultural Communication	3
ENGL 274	Literature of the U.S. – Mexico Borderlands and Baja California	3

#### Spring Semester

BIOL 143	Biology, Oceanography, and Geoscience of Baja California	3
BIOL 145	EcoMundo: Ecology and Environmental Science	3

**Total units** **12**

**Recommended Electives:** COMM 142.

*You will have met four GE requirements in Plan AA-AS, Plan CSU, and IGETC Plan at the completion of this certificate.*

#### General Education Plan

	AA-AS Plan	CSU Plan	IGETC Plan
BIOL 143	Group D5	Group D5	Area 4E
BIOL 145	Group B	Group B2	Area 5B
COMM 176	Group D7	Group D7	Area 4G
ENGL 274	Group C2	Group C2	Area 3B

