Latinx Definition

NOUN - North American
A person of Latin American origin or descent (used as a gender-neutral or non-binary alternative to Latino or Latina)
• ‘the books share stories of the civil rights struggle for African Americans, Latinxs, and LGBTQ people’
• ‘a career network for Latinx who are looking for jobs’

ADJECTIVE - North American
Relating to people of Latin American origin or descent (used as a gender-neutral or non-binary alternative to Latino or Latina)
• ‘a unique Latinx perspective that other shows don't really capture’
• ‘Latinx students’

Oxford Living Dictionary
Latinx Origin


- [Google Trends](#)

Early 21st century: American Spanish, alteration of Latino or Latina with -x replacing the masculine -o and feminine -a endings; perhaps influenced by Mx.

- [Oxford Living Dictionary](#)

Mx.

- “The gender-neutral Mx. is used as a title for those who do not identify as being of a particular gender, or for people who simply don't want to be identified by gender.”

- [Merriam Webster](#)
“What does Latinx mean?”

“Used by scholars, activists and an increasing number of journalists, Latinx is quickly gaining popularity among the general public. It’s part of a “linguistic revolution” that aims to move beyond gender binaries and is inclusive of the intersecting identities of Latin American descendants. In addition to men and women from all racial backgrounds, Latinx also makes room for people who are trans, queer, agender, non-binary, gender non-conforming or gender fluid.”

• Huffington Post
“The Rise of Latinx”

“By dismantling some of the gendering within Spanish, Latinx helped modernize the idea of a pan-Latin American experience—or Latinidad—one that reflects what it means to be of Latin American descent in today’s world. The term also better reflects Latin America's diversity, which is more in line with intersectionality, the study of the ways that different forms of oppression (e.g. sexism, racism, classism, and heterosexism) intersect.”

• Complex
Latinx Resistance

American appropriation of Spanish language.

X as a letter at the ends of words in Spanish is unpronounceable, not conjugatable, and frankly confusing.

• The Phoenix
SO HERE WE GO. LET’S START WITH THIS...

LATINO
is a term that is telling you about
GEOGRAPHY.

HISPANIC
is a term that is telling you about
LANGUAGE.

It’s easy to remember if you dissect the words.

LATINO MEANS: FROM LATIN AMERICA.
LATIN AMERICA REFERS MOSTLY
to everything below the
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
INCLUDING THE CARIBBEAN.

HISPANIC MEANS:
FROM A COUNTRY WHOSE
PRIMARY LANGUAGE IS
SPANISH.
BUT NOT EVERY COUNTRY IN LATIN AMERICA
SPEAKS SPANISH PRIMARILY.
FOR INSTANCE...

SOMEONE FROM BRAZIL IS LATINO BUT NOT HISPANIC!

THEY SPEAK PORTUGUESE IN BRAZIL!

SOMEONE FROM SPAIN IS HISPANIC...

BUT NOT LATINO!

SPAIN IS NOT A COUNTRY IN LATIN AMERICA.

MANY PEOPLE WHO HAVE HISPANIC OR LATINO ANCESTORS BUT LIVE IN OTHER COUNTRIES ALSO CONSIDER THEMSELVES LATINO AND OR HISPANIC.
Latinx Locally

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Organization in Reno, Nevada

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The Las Culturas Initiative researches, designs and implements unique programs that promote the pursuit of academic success, retention and graduation of Hispanic and LatinX students.

Many of the programs and services are designed to educate the entire campus community to expand students' cultural horizons while honoring their respective cultural experiences.
Latinx at TMCC

Let’s start it!

• Inclusivity
• Progression
• Intersectionality
Questions?

LATINX

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