LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN STUDIES, CENTER FOR

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A major in Latin American Studies, which is administered by the Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, provides an integrated exploration of a major world area. Depending upon the student’s interests and career aspirations, individual programs of study are designed in close consultation with the Associate Director of the Center, who also serves as the academic adviser. Consultation revolves around the career goals of the student. The undergraduate program reflects an integrative, cross-disciplinary approach, and courses must be taken in at least three of these five areas or perspectives:

1. anthropological and geographical;
2. historical;
3. humanistic;
4. social, political, and economic;
5. ecological and environmental.

Courses for the major must be selected in consultation with the Associate Director of the Center.

Students are also expected to demonstrate a substantial command of a Latin American language (Spanish, Portuguese, Quechua or other Native American language indigenous to Middle or South America), either by passing a proficiency examination or through advanced courses of Latin American language(s) beyond the general Liberal Arts and Sciences language requirement.

Major in Latin American Studies

Major in Sciences and Letters Curriculum
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Degree title: Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences

Minimum required major and supporting course work equates to 45 hours

General education: Students must complete the Campus General Education (https://courses.illinois.edu) requirements including the campus general education language requirement.

Twelve hours of 300- and 400-level courses in the major must be taken on this campus.

A Major Plan of Study Form must be completed and submitted to the LAS Student Affairs Office before the end of the fifth semester (60-75 hours). Please see your adviser.

Minimum hours required for graduation: 120 hours

Departmental distinction: To be eligible, a student must achieve at least a 3.5 grade point average in the major, complete a senior thesis, and receive the approval of the center’s research committee.

The Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies offers an interdisciplinary minor for students majoring in another discipline. The minor in Latin American Studies consists of a total of 21 credit hours selected from offerings by the Center and various departments. This program must be approved by the Associate Director.

The minor is for those students who wish to concentrate their work in a specific discipline yet maintain a Latin American focus in their coursework. For students completing a major sponsored by the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, the department or unit sponsoring the student’s major must approve the minor.

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Two courses in a Latin American language (Spanish, Portuguese, Quechua or other Native American language indigenous to Middle or South America) beyond the level specified by the LAS language requirement, or the equivalent as demonstrated by special examination. At the end of their language study, all students are urged to take an oral proficiency test based on ACTFL guidelines.

Courses drawn from the Latin American Studies curriculum. The curriculum normally consists of courses with 50 percent or more Latin American content and is defined according to a list maintained and regularly updated by the Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies. Courses include:

- LAST 170 Introduction to Latin America
- No more than 6 hours chosen from a single department
- Six hours of 300- to 400-level course offerings
- No more than 6 hours of literature

Total Hours 21

LAST Class Schedule (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/DEFAULT/DEFAULT/LAST)

Courses

LAST 170 Introduction to Latin America credit: 3 Hours.
Interdisciplinary introduction to the ways of life of Latin American peoples, their origins and current expressions; discusses social, economic issues, and domestic and international policies related to them in the context of other societies in developing countries.
This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for:
UIUC: Non-Western Cultures
UIUC: Social Sciences

LAST 199 Undergraduate Open Seminar credit: 1 to 5 Hours.
May be repeated.

LAST 240 Constr Afr and Carib Identity credit: 3 Hours.
Same as AFST 209, CWL 225, and FR 240. See FR 240.
This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for:
UIUC: Non-Western Cultures

LAST 325 Social Media and Global Change credit: 3 Hours.
Same as EPS 325, AFST 325, ASST 325, EURO 325, INFO 325, REES 325, and SAME 325. See EPS 325.

LAST 342 Arts of Colonial Latin America credit: 3 Hours.
Same as ARTH 342. See ARTH 342.

LAST 395 Special Topics credit: 2 to 4 Hours.
Topical survey of cultural, social, economic, and political factors in Latin American life. Each term a particular topic is considered. Prerequisite: A basic course in a humanities or social science discipline.

LAST 445 Native Latin Amer Languages credit: 2 to 4 Hours.
Upon the consent of the Director of the Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, tutorials are available in special native Latin American languages not regularly offered by the University (ie. Quechua, K'akchikel Mayan). Tutorials at the elementary, intermediate, and advanced levels may be arranged. Students registering for unit credit for the first two terms must first present satisfactory evidence of knowledge of the language at the elementary level, either in the form of credit earned at another institution or by passing a proficiency examination. 2 to 4 undergraduate hours. 2 to 4 graduate hours. May be repeated in 6 terms successively, to a maximum of 16 hours. Graduate credit is given only for work beyond the elementary level. Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.

LAST 490 Individual Study credit: 1 to 5 Hours.
Major tutorial normally taken in the senior year. Students read the works from list devised in consultation with a faculty tutor and write a term paper. 1 to 5 undergraduate hours. 1 to 5 graduate hours. May be repeated as topics vary to a maximum of 6 hours. Prerequisite: LAST 170; a declared major in Latin American and Caribbean Studies; consent of instructor.