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 from these categories:

1. LAST 170 (http://catalog.illinois.edu/search/?P=LAST%20170)-Introduction to Latin American Studies;
2. Approved courses with content focused on Latin America;
3. Approved courses with content focused on Latin America in a global context;
4. LAST 490 (http://catalog.illinois.edu/search/?P=LAST%20490) - Independent Study, or approved Study Abroad course, or approved service-learning course.

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 MesoAmerica 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.