LATINA/LATINO STUDIES, BALAS

for the degree of Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts & Sciences Major in Latina/Latino Studies

**department website:** https://lls.illinois.edu/
**department faculty:** Latina/Latino Faculty (https://lls.illinois.edu/directory/faculty/)
**overview of college admissions & requirements:** Liberal Arts & Sciences (http://catalog.illinois.edu/schools/lls/academic-units/)
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The Undergraduate Major in Latina/Latino Studies explores the experiences and lives of Latinas/os in the context of the United States. The major provides a broad and deep approach to theory, research, and multidisciplinary study of the Latina/o experience. Students will complete 34 hours of required and elective courses, and a minimum of 18 hours of supporting course work or a minor in an area outside of the major. Students majoring in Latina/Latino Studies receive excellent preparation for graduate study or careers in education, social and welfare policy, counseling, law, public policy, and other fields that address Latino issues.

**Advising:** The Department of Latina/Latino Studies provides advising for students. Students will also be assigned a faculty advisor to help plan a coherent program in their selected area of study.

**Departmental distinction:** To graduate with distinction in Latina/Latino Studies, a student must have at least a 3.25 overall GPA, a minimum 3.5 GPA in the major, and complete a senior honors thesis. To complete the honors thesis requires a student to enroll in four hours of LLS 495, normally distributed evenly across two consecutive semesters. Students graduating with at least a 3.5 GPA in the major (and meeting the other conditions) will be awarded Distinction; those with at least a 3.7 GPA in the major will be given High Distinction.

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

**Minimum required major and supporting course work:** 52 hours required, including 34 hours in Latina/Latino Studies courses. Twelve hours of 300- and 400-level in the major must be taken on this campus.

**Minimum hours required for graduation:** 120 hours.

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<td>Intro Latina/Latino Studies</td>
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**Thematic Areas**

Students must take two courses in each of the following three areas:

A. Literature, Media and Culture  6
   - LLS 240 Latina/o Popular Culture
   - LLS 242 Intro to Latina/o Literature
   - LLS 250 Latina/os on the Bronze Screen
   - LLS 259 Latina/o Anthropology
   - LLS 301 19thC US Latina/o Lit-ACP
   - LLS 357 Literatures of the Displaced
   - LLS 360 Contemporary US Latina/o Lit
   - LLS 365 Chicana/Latina Autobiography, Memoir, Testimonio
   - LLS 375 Latina/o Media in the US
   - LLS 410 Writing Latina/o Chicago
   - LLS 435 Commodifying Difference
   - LLS 458 Latina/o Performance
   - LLS 472 Border Latina, Latino Cultures

B. Race, Gender, and Sexuality  6
   - LLS 230 Latina/o Genders & Sexualities
   - LLS 235 Race and the Politics of Reproduction
   - LLS 265 Politics of Hip Hop
   - LLS 320 Gender & Latina/o Migration
   - LLS 355 Race and Mixed Race
   - LLS 387 Race, Gender and the Body
   - LLS 392 Chicanas&Latinas: Self&Society
   - LLS 442 Latina Literature
   - LLS 465 Race, Sex, and Deviance
   - LLS 479 Race, Medicine, and Society

C. History, Politics, and Society  6
   - LLS 220 Latina/o Migration
   - LLS 238 Latina/o Social Movements
   - LLS 278 Mapping Latina/o Inequalities
   - LLS 279 Mexican-American History
   - LLS 280 Caribbean Latina/o Migration
   - LLS 343 Criminalization and Punishment
   - LLS 368 Latinas/os & Public Policy
   - LLS 370 Latina/o Ethnography
   - LLS 379 Latina/o and the City
   - LLS 382 Race and Migration in Chicago
   - LLS 468 Latinas/os & the Law
   - LLS 473 Immigration, Health & Society
   - LLS 490 Research and Writing Seminar 4
   - or LLS 495 Senior Honors Thesis

- LLS Electives selected from the list of all LLS and cross-listed LLS classes
- Supporting coursework chosen in consultation with an advisor; may be a campus approved minor

**Total Hours** 52

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