

LATIN AMERICAN AND LATINA/O STUDIES MAJOR

Requirements

The Latin American and Latina/o Studies (LALS) major consists of 36 hours of coursework, as follows:

Code	Title	Credits
1. Introductory Course 4		
LALS 301	Introduction to Latin American and Latina/o Studies	
2. Language Study 8		
<i>Students take the following language courses:</i>		
SPAN 331	Spanish Conversation	4
SPAN 332 or SPAN 301	Advanced Grammar and Composition Spanish in Context: Cultural Explorations and Grammar Review	4
<i>Note: Students with linguistic proficiency beyond the SPAN 301/SPAN 331/SPAN 332 level are exempt from this requirement and will take eight additional hours (28 total) from courses in the following section.</i>		
3. Latin American and Latina/o Studies Electives 20		
Students select a minimum of twenty hours electives from the following courses:		
<i>Note: 1) A maximum of eight hours can be counted from Category C. 2) At least 4 hours must be non-SPAN courses. The LALS program coordinator is available to advise on course selection. 3) As you plan your course selections, please note that this major requires at least 24 hours with the SPAN prefix (see #6 below).</i>		
Category A		
Courses that focus on Latin America or the Latina/o diaspora in the United States:		
SPAN 335	Latin American Cultures and Civilizations	4
SPAN 337	Survey of Spanish American Literature	4
SPAN 357	Latino Cultures in the United States	4
SPAN 352	Topics in Spanish Language and Hispanic Literatures and Culture (when related to Latin America or Latino/as in the United States)	2
SPAN 353	Topics in Spanish Language and Hispanic Literatures and Culture (when related to Latin America or Latino/as in the United States)	4
SPAN 439	Topics in Spanish Language and Hispanic Literatures and Culture (when related to Latin America or Latino/as in the United States)	2,4
SPAN 493	Mentoring Seminar (when related to Latin America or Latino/as in the United States)	2,4
HIST 292	Latin American History	4
HIST 391	Topics in History	2,4
ANTH 432 or HNGR 432	Violence and Peace in Latin America	4
SOC 385	Social Change in Latin America	4

MUTC 104	Introduction to Music: Latin American Music	2
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Category B

Courses in approved study abroad programs, including Human Needs and Global Resources, Wheaton in México, and Modern and Classical Languages summer programs:¹

HNGR 484	Global Christian Perspective	4
HNGR 496	Internship in Development	4-8
SPAN 338	Intensive Advanced Spanish	4
SPAN 389	Costa Rica Culture & Society	4
GPS 321	Engaging Mexican Cultures	4
GPS 301	Survey of Mexican Art	2
GPS 302	Exploring Mexican History	4
XXX 495 Independent Study ²		2-4
XXX 496 Internship ²		2-4

Category C

Students may count a maximum of eight hours from courses that focus more broadly on the majority world or immigrants in the United States if the course includes substantive content on Latin America and/or Latina/os in the United States and meets established program criteria. To receive LALS elective credit, such courses must be approved by the LALS coordinator during course registration. Some courses that may be considered include the following:

HIST 391	Topics in History	2,4
PHIL 105	Race & Justice	4
BITH 342	Majority World Theology	4
PHIL 251	Global Justice	4
MUCS 274	World Music	4
ANTH 383	Cities in the Global South	2
ANTH 353	Culture and Difference	4
ANTH 324	Anthropology of Global Christianity	2
ANTH 284	Culture, Travel & Tourism	4
HNGR 114	Poverty, Justice and Transformation	4
HNGR 381	Topics in Development	2,4
HNGR 385	Field Research Methods	4
IR 379	International Political Economy	4

¹ Courses in the Wheaton in Spain and Camino de Santiago summer programs may count toward the LALS minor when exploring topics related to Latin America.

² XXX 495 and XXX 496 are independent studies and internships completed as part of the approved study abroad program. The credit can be granted by any major (e.g., HNGR, ECON, IR, SPAN, AHS, ANTH)

Code	Title	Credits
4. Senior Capstone 4		
LALS 494	Senior Seminar in Latin American and Latina/o Studies	

5. Study-Abroad Requirement

a. LALS majors are required to complete an approved study abroad program in Latin America (e.g., Wheaton in México). (Note: LALS minors are not automatically accepted into these programs; they must apply and be accepted.)¹

b. Programs must be approved by the LALS Advisory Council

c. Pre and post-assessment will be administered to evaluate linguistic and cultural learning.

d. 4. In extenuating circumstances, students may submit an appeal to the LALS advisory council for an exception.

6. Coursework in Spanish

The LALS major requires that students complete a minimum of 24 hours of coursework in Spanish beyond the SPAN 201 level.