# Latin American Studies

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The University of Oregon offers a bachelor of arts degree in Latin American studies. A minor in Latin American studies is also available. An emphasis on Latin America is available for master of arts (MA) degrees with majors in anthropology, history, international studies, and Spanish. See the **Anthropology** (http://catalog.uoregon.edu/archive/2016-2017/arts_sciences/anthropology)**, History** (http://catalog.uoregon.edu/archive/2016-2017/arts_sciences/history)**, International Studies** (http://catalog.uoregon.edu/archive/2016-2017/arts_sciences/internationalstudies)**,** and **Romance Languages** sections of this catalog.

## Study Abroad

Students in University of Oregon overseas study programs enroll in courses with subject codes that are unique to individual programs. Special course numbers are reserved for overseas study. See the Study Abroad (http://catalog.uoregon.edu/archive/2016-2017/supplementaryprograms/abroad) section in the **Supplementary Academic Programming** section of this catalog.

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- **Bachelor of Arts**
- **Minor**

## Undergraduate Studies

### Preparation

High school students who have taken courses in economics, history, political science, or other approaches to international affairs, or who have participated in extracurricular activities (such as the Oregon High School

International Relations League) may be interested in Latin American studies.

Community college students who have taken courses in international relations may be interested in specializing in Latin American studies.

## Careers

Career opportunities for students completing Latin American studies are available through such avenues as the Peace Corps, the U.S. Foreign Service (including the Information Agency), the foreign-aid programs of the United States government, the United Nations and other international organizations, private foundations, international businesses, and international nongovernmental organizations (including church, human-rights, and environmental organizations).

## Bachelor of Arts Degree Requirements

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| LAS 200 | Introduction to Latin American Studies | 4 |
| LAS 211 | Latin American Humanities: [Topic] | 4 |
| or LAS 212 | Latin American Social Sciences: [Topic] | |
| Two courses chosen from the following: | | 8 |
| SPAN 342 | Hispanic Cultures through Literature II | |
| SPAN 343 | Hispanic Cultures through Literature III | |
| SPAN 344 | Hispanic Cultures through Literature IV | |
| HIST 380–382 | Latin America (choose two courses for a total of 8 credits) | 8 |
| LAS 407 | Seminar: [Topic] [1] | 4 |
| Elective courses related to Latin America | | 20 |
| **Total Credits** | | **48** |

[1] In exceptional cases, Seminar: [Topic] (LAS 407) may be substituted with an equivalent seminar focusing on Latin America that is offered by another department or program.

### Additional Requirements

- Courses must be passed with grades of C– or better or P
- No more than 16 credits may be taken in a single department
- No more than 12 credits may be in lower-division courses
- At least 28 credits must be taken on the Eugene campus
- A maximum of 8 credits may be used in independent studies or internships
- At least 8 credits must be taken in courses covering the pre-1800 period
- As many as 16 credits may be from courses related to Latino studies or studies of Hispanics in the United States
- No more than 8 credits may be taken pass/no pass (P/N)
- At least 8 credits must be taken in social sciences departments other than history (e.g., anthropology, economics, ethnic studies, geography, international studies, political science, or sociology)
- Students are strongly encouraged to study in (or enroll in an internship in) a Latin American country at least for one term

### Language Requirements

In addition to the minimum of 48 credits in required and elective courses, all majors are required to demonstrate a third-year level of proficiency in Spanish or Portuguese. This will entail completing (with a grade of C– or better or P) the basic two years of college-level language courses and taking at least four 300-level courses taught in the respective foreign language (such as Cultura y Lengua: Identidades Hispanas (SPAN 301), Cultura y lengua: expresiones artisticas (SPAN 303), Cultura y lengua: cambios sociales (SPAN 305), Hispanic Cultures through Literature III (SPAN 343), or Hispanic Cultures through Literature IV (SPAN 344)).

## Minor Requirements

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| LAS 200 | Introduction to Latin American Studies | 4 |
| Select one of the following: | | 4 |
| LAS 211 | Latin American Humanities: [Topic] | |
| LAS 212 | Latin American Social Sciences: [Topic] | |
| LAS 407 | Seminar: [Topic] | |
| Elective courses | | 20 |
| **Total Credits** | | **28** |

### Language Requirements

Students must satisfactorily complete, with grades of C– or better or P, two years of college-level Spanish- or Portuguese-language courses.

Language credits may be earned at the University of Oregon through an approved overseas program or transferred from another accredited college or university. As an alternative, students may satisfy the language requirement by examination, demonstrating a level of competence equivalent to two years of college-level Spanish or Portuguese. Students whose native language is either Spanish or Portuguese may substitute equivalent competence in English in lieu of this requirement.

### Additional Requirements

- Courses must be passed with grades of C– or better or P for 28 credits of course work in Latin American studies
- Of the 28 credits required for the minor, a minimum of 20 credits must be earned in University of Oregon courses; the other 8 credits may be earned through successful completion of preapproved courses in an overseas program at an accredited Latin American college or university
- Transfer credits from universities outside Latin America are considered individually, following existing procedures in appropriate departments for determining their equivalence to UO courses
- A minimum of 20 credits must be in upper-division (300- or 400-level) courses
- A minimum of 20 credits must be taken for letter grades
- A minimum of 4 credits must be earned through completion of a course or courses whose focus is on pre-20th-century Latin America
- A maximum of 4 credits can be in comparative, global, ethnic, and similar courses that are relevant to Latin American studies but lack a minimum of 50 percent content directly related to Latin America
- No more than 12 credits from any one department may count toward the minor
- Courses from no more than four departments, disciplines, or programs may count toward the minor
- Spanish courses must be upper-division literature and culture courses to count toward satisfaction of the 28-credit requirement

### Advising

Students who want a major or a minor in Latin American studies should contact the program director, who serves as an advisor to determine which courses offered during any given academic year may be applied to requirements for the degree or minor.

## Sampling of Courses from Other Departments That Satisfy Major and Minor Requirements

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| **Anthropology** | | |
| ANTH 434 | Native South Americans | 4 |
| **History** | | |
| HIST 380–382 | Latin America | 12 |
| HIST 482 | Aztecs and Incas | 4 |
| HIST 483 | Latin America: [Topic] | 4 |
| **Political Science** | | |
| PS 330 | Governments and Politics in Latin America | 4 |
| **Spanish** | | |
| SPAN 318–319 | Survey of Spanish American Literature | 8 |
| SPAN 348 | United States Latino Literature and Culture | 4 |
| SPAN 450 | Colonial Latin American Literature: [Topic] | 4 |
| SPAN 490 | 20th-Century Latin American Literature: [Topic] | 4 |
| **Any Department, Program with Latin America Focus** | | |
| Seminar (407) | | |

Periodically, other departments and programs such as ethnic studies, geography, history of art and architecture, international studies, sociology, and women's and gender studies offer courses that may satisfy degree and minor requirements.

## Graduate Studies

Specialization in Latin American studies at the graduate level is possible in a number of departments in the College of Arts and Sciences. Anthropology, economics, history, international studies, political science, sociology, and Spanish (in the Romance languages department) have faculty members who are competent and interested in the area. It is possible to arrange graduate degree programs in these departments with a concentration in Latin American studies.

## Courses

**LAS 199. Special Studies: [Topic]. 1-5 Credits.**
Repeatable twice when topic changes for a maximum of 15 credits.

**LAS 200. Introduction to Latin American Studies. 4 Credits.**
Introduction to the history, peoples, and cultures of Latin America and of the Latino population in the United States.

**LAS 211. Latin American Humanities: [Topic]. 4 Credits.**
Focuses on the comparative study of Latin American cultural and intellectual traditions. Introduces scholarship in the humanities about Latin American and U.S. Latinos. Repeatable once for a maximum of 8 credits when topic changes.

**LAS 212. Latin American Social Sciences: [Topic]. 4 Credits.**
Addresses various issues related to the historical, political, cultural, and economic development of Latin America from a social science perspective. Repeatable once for a maximum of 8 credits when topic changes.

**LAS 399. Special Studies: [Topic]. 1-5 Credits.**
Repeatable twice when topic changes for a maximum of 15 credits.

**LAS 401. Research: [Topic]. 1-4 Credits.**
Repeatable.

**LAS 403. Thesis. 1-4 Credits.**
Repeatable.

**LAS 404. Internship: [Topic]. 1-12 Credits.**
Repeatable.

**LAS 405. Reading and Conference: [Topic]. 1-4 Credits.**
Repeatable.

**LAS 407. Seminar: [Topic]. 4 Credits.**
Repeatable.

**LAS 410. Experimental Course: [Topic]. 1-5 Credits.**
Repeatable twice when topic changes for a maximum of 15 credits.

**LAS 510. Experimental Course: [Topic]. 1-5 Credits.**
Repeatable twice when topic changes for a maximum of 15 credits.