

Latin American Studies

Bachelor of Arts (BA)

The major in Latin American Studies (LAS) is designed to provide a balanced curriculum in the history, culture, and society of Latin America for students wishing to receive a broader perspective than is usually available through a department major. From the rich variety of offerings within and across departments, there is a wide range of possibilities to suit the interests of students. The program may be of particular interest to students who have the following:

- Desire a balanced education that focuses on the Latin American cultural regions
- Plan to enter business, government, or international agency service
- Wish to teach social science or language
- Are preparing for graduate and professional schools

Spanish and Portuguese are required for the major. Students must gain an intermediate level of proficiency in one language and an elementary knowledge of the other. In addition, students pursue a multidisciplinary course of study that includes the history and literature of Latin America.

Declaring the Major

Applications are accepted during the fall and spring semesters from the third week of instruction until the last day of instruction (not the last day of finals). Applications are accepted during the summer from the last week in May until the beginning of the fall semester (not the beginning of classes).

To declare, students must satisfy the following:

1. Have completed LATAMST 10 (Must earn a C or better to declare. This course can only be repeated once.)
2. Have a major and cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher
3. Not be in their final semester of undergraduate work

Additionally, students are encouraged—but not required—to complete two semesters of Spanish or Portuguese or the equivalent before applying to the major.

To be declared, students must do two things:

1. Attend a Major Declaration Workshop (check the Teaching Program Calendar for dates)
2. Meet with an advisor to submit the LAS Application materials.

Bring a completed LAS Application including all materials and transcripts to the Workshop. Application materials may be submitted after attending the Major Declaration Workshop. However, students will not be officially declared until they have both attended a Workshop and submitted all declaration papers.

Honors Program

To be eligible for honors, students must have senior standing and a grade point average (GPA) of 3.6 in the major and 3.5 in all work completed at UC Berkeley. Completing the Honors program includes a year-long course sequence (IAS H102 Scope and Methods of Research in International and Area Studies in the fall and LATAMST H195 in the spring) in which students learn how to formulate a hypothesis, conduct

supporting research, and complete a thesis paper of approximately 75 pages or longer.

Minor Program

There is no minor program in Latin American Studies.

In addition to the University, campus, and college requirements, listed on the College Requirements tab, students must fulfill the below requirements specific to their major program.

General Guidelines

1. All courses taken to fulfill the major requirements below must be taken for graded credit, other than courses listed which are offered on a *Pass/No Pass* basis only. Other exceptions to this requirement are noted as applicable.
2. No more than one upper-division course may be used to simultaneously fulfill requirements for a student's major and minor programs, with the exception of minors offered outside of the College of Letters and Science.
3. A minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 must be maintained in both upper- and lower-division courses used to fulfill the major requirements.

For information regarding residence requirements and unit requirements, please see the College Requirements tab.

Summary of Major Requirements

Lower-division Requirements: Two courses

Primary Language Requirement, Spanish or Portuguese:
Intermediate level of proficiency

Secondary Language Requirement, Spanish or Portuguese:
Elementary level of proficiency

Upper-division Requirements: Nine courses, minimum of 30 units

Lower-division Requirements

LATAMST 10	Introduction to Latin American Studies ¹	4
HISTORY 8A	Latin American History: Becoming Latin America, 1492 to 1824	4
or HISTORY 8B	Latin American History: Modern Latin America	

¹ This course can only be repeated once.

Primary Language Requirement ¹

For information regarding satisfying this requirement through other means than the courses below (AP credit, Native speakers), please see the program's website (http://iastp.berkeley.edu/major_detail/43).

Select either the Spanish or Portuguese sequence below, or their equivalent:

Spanish

SPANISH 1	Elementary Spanish
SPANISH 2	Elementary Spanish
SPANISH 3	Intermediate Spanish
SPANISH 4	Intermediate Spanish

Portuguese

PORTUG 101A	Portuguese for Advanced Students
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PORTUG 101B Portuguese for Advanced Students: Workshop

PORTUG 102 Readings in Portuguese

PORTUG 103 Advanced Grammar and Composition

- ¹ The primary and secondary foreign language requirements may be taken *Pass/No Pass*, except for the final semester of each sequence; the final semester must be taken for a letter grade.

Secondary Language Requirement ¹

For information regarding satisfying this requirement through other means than the courses below (AP credit, Native speakers), please see the program's website (http://iastp.berkeley.edu/major_detail/43) .

Complete one of the following sequences, or their equivalent

PORTUG 101A Portuguese for Advanced Students
& PORTUG 101B Portuguese for Advanced Students:
Workshop

SPANISH 1 Elementary Spanish
& SPANISH 2 and Elementary Spanish

or SPANISH 6 Course Not Available

or SPANISH 21 Spanish for Bilingual Students, First Course

- ¹ The primary and secondary foreign language requirements may be taken *Pass/No Pass*, except for the final semester of each sequence; the final semester must be taken for a letter grade.

Upper-division Requirements

Latin American Literature and Culture (Two courses)

Select one of the following sequences, depending on the choice of Primary language:

SPANISH 104A Survey of Spanish American Literature
& SPANISH 104B Survey of Spanish American Literature

PORTUG 104 Introduction to Brazilian Literature
& PORTUG 101 and Survey of Portuguese Literature

PORTUG 128 Twentieth-Century Brazilian Literature
& PORTUG 107B Survey of Portuguese Literature

Latin American History (Two courses)

Select two courses from the following:

HISTORY 100 Special Topics ¹

HISTORY 101 Seminar in Historical Research and Writing for History Majors

HISTORY 103E Proseminar: Problems in Interpretation in the Several Fields of History: Latin America

HISTORY 140A Course Not Available

HISTORY 140E Mexico: Modern Mexico

HISTORY 141A Course Not Available

HISTORY 141E Social History of Latin America: Social History of Modern Latin America

HISTORY 143 Brazil

HISTORY 145 Course Not Available

HISTORY 146 Latin American Women

LATAMST 150 Advanced Studies in Latin American Studies ¹

Methodology (One course)

Select one course from either the Statistical Methods category or the Research Design category:

Statistical Methods

DEMOG 110 Introduction to Population Analysis

ECON 140 Economic Statistics and Econometrics

ECON 141 Econometric Analysis

ECON C142 Applied Econometrics and Public Policy

IAS C118 Introductory Applied Econometrics

IND ENG 162 Linear Programming

IND ENG 171 Technology Firm Leadership

POL SCI C131A Applied Econometrics and Public Policy

PSYCH 101 Research and Data Analysis in Psychology

PB HLTH 142 Introduction to Probability and Statistics in Biology and Public Health

PUB POL C142 Applied Econometrics and Public Policy

SOCIOL 106 Quantitative Sociological Methods

STAT 131A Introduction to Probability and Statistics for Life Scientists

Research Design

AFRICAM 101 Research Methods for African American Studies

ANTHRO 169B Research Theory and Methods in Socio-Cultural Anthropology

ENV DES 100 The City: Theories and Methods in Urban Studies

ETH STD 101A Social Science Methods in Ethnic Studies

ETH STD 101B Humanities Methods in Ethnic Studies

ETH STD 195 Selected Issues in Comparative Ethnic Studies Research ¹

IAS 102 Scope and Methods of Research in International and Area Studies

IAS H102 Scope and Methods of Research in International and Area Studies

LGBT 145 Interpreting the Queer Past: Methods and Problems in the History of Sexuality

NATAMST 110 Theories and Methods in Native American Studies

POL SCI 136B Course Not Available

SOCIOL 105 Research Design and Sociological Methods

Electives (Four courses)

Select four courses from the list of approved electives (see below), from at least two disciplines other than literature and history ²

- ¹ Course content varies from semester to semester. A faculty adviser's pre-approval is required.

- ² No more than two upper-division electives may be taken from the same department.

Approved Elective course list

AFRICAM 112A	Political and Economic Development in the Third World	4
AFRICAM 112B	Political and Economic Development in the Third World	4
AFRICAM 131	Caribbean Societies and Cultures	3
AFRICAM 135	Course Not Available	
AFRICAM 155	Literature of the Caribbean: Significant Themes	4
ANTHRO 122C	Archaeology of the Americas: Archaeology of Central America	4

ANTHRO 122D	Archaeology of the Americas: World of Ancient Maya	4	HISTORY 103E	Proseminar: Problems in Interpretation in the Several Fields of History: Latin America	4
ANTHRO 122E	Archaeology of the Americas: Andean Archaeology: People of the Andes	4	HISTORY C139B	The American Immigrant Experience	4
ANTHRO 140	The Anthropology of Food ¹	4	HISTORY 140B	Mexico: Modern Mexico	4
ANTHRO C147B	Sexuality, Culture, and Colonialism	4	HISTORY 141	Course Not Available	4
ANTHRO 175	Course Not Available		HISTORY 141B	Social History of Latin America: Social History of Modern Latin America	4
ANTHRO 176	Course Not Available		HISTORY 143	Brazil	4
ANTHRO 177	Course Not Available		HISTORY 146	Latin American Women	4
ANTHRO 179	Ethnography of the Maya	4	IAS 171	Course Not Available	4
ANTHRO 188	Course Not Available ¹		IAS 172	Course Not Available	4
CHICANO 110	Latina/o Philosophy and Religious Thought	4	LATAMST 140	Course Not Available	4
CHICANO 143	Chicano and Latin American Literature	3	LATAMST 150	Advanced Studies in Latin American Studies	4
CHICANO 150A	Course Not Available	4	LEGALST 190	Seminar on Topics in Law and Society ¹	1-4
CHICANO 150B	History of the Southwest: Mexican-United States War to Present	4	PACS 130	Cross-Listed Topics ¹	1-4
CHICANO 159	Mexican Immigration	4	PACS 135	Special Topics in Regional Conflict ¹	3
CHICANO C161	Central American Peoples and Cultures	4	POLECON 150	Advanced Study in Political Economy of Industrial Societies ¹	4
CHICANO 163	Caribbean Migration to Western Europe and the United States ¹	4	POL SCI 139D	Urban and Sub-national Politics in Developing Countries ¹	4
CHICANO 165	Cuba, the United States and Cuban Americans	4	POL SCI 148A	Latin American Politics	4
CHICANO 174	Chicanos, Law, and Criminal Justice ¹	4	POL SCI 149B	Special Topics in Area Studies	4
CHICANO 180	Topics in Chicano Studies ¹	3	PORTUG 102	Readings in Portuguese	3
CY PLAN 115	Urbanization in Developing Countries	4	PORTUG 104	Introduction to Brazilian Literature	3
COM LIT 156	Fiction and Culture of the Americas	4	PORTUG 113	Brazilian Civilization	3
DEMOG 145AC	The American Immigrant Experience	4	PORTUG 114	Course Not Available	4
DEV STD 150	Advanced Studies in Development Studies ¹	4	PORTUG 128	Twentieth-Century Brazilian Literature	3
ECON C171	Economic Development ¹	4	PORTUG C134	Course Not Available	
ECON 172	Case Studies in Economic Development ¹	4	PORTUG 135	Studies in Luso-Brazilian Literature ¹	3
ENVECON C151	Economic Development	4	PB HLTH 181	Poverty and Population ¹	3
ETH STD 159AC	The Southern Border	4	PUB POL 190	Special Topics in Public Policy ¹	1-4
FRENCH 151A	Francophone Literature	4	SOCIO 111P	Families, Inequality and Social Policy ¹	4
FRENCH 151B	Francophone Literature	4	SOCIO 124	Sociology of Poverty ¹	4
GEOG 123	Postcolonial Geographies ¹	4	SOCIO 127	Development and Globalization ¹	4
GEOG 170	Special Topics in Geography ¹	3	SOCIO 130	Social Inequalities ¹	4
GEOG 133	Course Not Available ¹	4	SOCIO 140	Politics and Social Change ¹	4
GEOG 138	Global Environmental Politics ¹	4	SOCIO 187	Course Not Available	4
GEOG 156	Course Not Available	4	SOCIO 189	Selected Topics in Comparative Perspectives ¹	4
GEOG C157	Central American Peoples and Cultures	4	SOC WEL 274	Immigrants and Refugees in the U.S ¹	2
GEOG 158	Course Not Available		SPANISH 104A	Survey of Spanish American Literature	3
GEOG 159AC	The Southern Border	4	SPANISH 104B	Survey of Spanish American Literature	3
GWS 102	Transnational Feminism ¹	4	SPANISH 113	Topics in Latin American Culture	3
GWS 103	Identities Across Difference ¹	4	SPANISH 114	Course Not Available	4
GWS 129	Bodies and Boundaries ¹	4	SPANISH 130	Course Not Available	4
GWS 140	Feminist Cultural Studies ¹	4	SPANISH 131	Course Not Available	4
GWS 141	Interrogating Global Economic "Development" ¹	4	SPANISH 134	Course Not Available	1
GWS 142	Women in the Muslim and Arab Worlds	4	SPANISH 135	Studies in Hispanic Literature ¹	3
GWS 143	Women, Poverty, and Globalization ¹	4	SPANISH C178	Cultural Studies	4
HISTORY 100	Special Topics ¹	4			

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Undergraduate students in the College of Letters and Science must fulfill the following requirements in addition to those required by their major program.

For detailed lists of courses that fulfill college requirements, please see the College of Letters and Sciences (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/archive/2014-15/undergraduate/colleges-schools/letters-science>) page in this bulletin.

Entry Level Writing

All students who will enter the University of California as freshmen must demonstrate their command of the English language by fulfilling the Entry Level Writing Requirement. Fulfillment of this requirement is also a prerequisite to enrollment in all reading and composition courses at UC Berkeley.

American History and American Institutions

The American History and Institutions requirements are based on the principle that a U.S. resident graduated from an American university should have an understanding of the history and governmental institutions of the United States.

American Cultures

American Cultures is the one requirement that all undergraduate students at Cal need to take and pass in order to graduate. The requirement offers an exciting intellectual environment centered on the study of race, ethnicity and culture of the United States. AC courses offer students opportunities to be part of research-led, highly accomplished teaching environments, grappling with the complexity of American Culture.

Quantitative Reasoning

The Quantitative Reasoning requirement is designed to ensure that students graduate with basic understanding and competency in math, statistics, or computer science. The requirement may be satisfied by exam or by taking an approved course.

Foreign Language

The Foreign Language requirement may be satisfied by demonstrating proficiency in reading comprehension, writing, and conversation in a foreign language equivalent to the second semester college level, either by passing an exam or by completing approved course work.

Reading and Composition

In order to provide a solid foundation in reading, writing and critical thinking the College requires two semesters of lower division work in composition. Students must complete a first-level reading and composition course by the end of their second semester and a second-level course by the end of their fourth semester.

Breadth Requirements

The undergraduate breadth requirements provide Berkeley students with a rich and varied educational experience outside of their major program. As the foundation of a liberal arts education, breadth courses give students a view into the intellectual life of the University while introducing them to a multitude of perspectives and approaches to research and scholarship. Engaging students in new disciplines and with peers from

other majors, the breadth experience strengthens interdisciplinary connections and context that prepares Berkeley graduates to understand and solve the complex issues of their day.

Unit Requirements

- 120 total units, including at least 60 L&S units
- Of the 120 units, 36 must be upper division units
- Of the 36 upper division units, 6 must be taken in courses offered outside your major department

Residence Requirements

For units to be considered in "residence," you must be registered in courses on the Berkeley campus as a student in the College of Letters and Science. Most students automatically fulfill the residence requirement by attending classes here for four years. In general, there is no need to be concerned about this requirement, unless you go abroad for a semester or year or want to take courses at another institution or through University Extension during your senior year. In these cases, you should make an appointment to see an adviser to determine how you can meet the Senior Residence Requirement.

Note: Courses taken through UC Extension do not count toward residence.

Senior Residence Requirement

After you become a senior (with 90 semester units earned toward your B.A. degree), you must complete at least 24 of the remaining 30 units in residence in at least two semesters. To count as residence, a semester must consist of at least 6 passed units. Intercampus Visitor, EAP, and UC Berkeley-Washington Program (UCDC) units are excluded.

You may use a Berkeley summer session to satisfy one semester of the Senior Residence Requirement, provided that you successfully complete 6 units of course work in the Summer Session and that you have been enrolled previously in the College.

Modified Senior Residence Requirement

Participants in the UC Education Abroad Program (EAP) or the UC Berkeley-Washington Program (UCDC) may meet a Modified Senior Residence Requirement by completing 24 (excluding EAP) of their final 60 semester units in residence. At least 12 of these 24 units must be completed after you have completed 90 units.

Upper Division Residence Requirement

You must complete in residence a minimum of 18 units of upper division courses (excluding EAP units), 12 of which must satisfy the requirements for your major.

Learning Goals for the Major

1. Communicate effectively in a primary foreign language, either Spanish or Portuguese, in written and spoken form
2. Communicate at a basic level in a secondary foreign language, either Spanish or Portuguese
3. Formulate a well-organized, well-supported argument
4. Demonstrate understanding of general research methods
5. Analyze and interpret literary texts
6. Identify major historical figures, events, and trends in Latin America

7. Critically evaluate Latin America's role and position in a global context
8. Demonstrate awareness and basic knowledge of the multiplicity of countries and cultures that make up the region
9. Apply a minimum of three distinct disciplinary approaches to the study of Latin America
10. Demonstrate specialized knowledge about one or more particular sub-areas of Latin American studies, whether regional (e.g. the Caribbean; Central America) or topical (agriculture; gender issues; immigration)
11. Understand and critically evaluate the implications of different perspectives on Latin America

Latin American Studies

LATAMST 10 Introduction to Latin American Studies 4 Units

This course is intended as a lower division, interdisciplinary core course for students planning to pursue the Latin American Studies major, as well as other interested students. The aim is to provide an introduction to the field that integrates the offerings from the various disciplines. Particular attention will be given to the analysis of the relationship between cultural expression and the politics, economy, and history of the region.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Summer: 8 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Latin American Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

LATAMST 24 Freshman Seminar 1 Unit

The Freshman Seminar Program has been designed to provide new students with the opportunity to explore an intellectual topic with a faculty member in a small seminar setting. Freshman seminars are offered in all campus departments, and topics vary from department to department and semester to semester. Enrollment is limited to 15 freshmen.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit as topic varies. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1 hour of seminar per week

Summer: 8 weeks - 2 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Latin American Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: The grading option will be decided by the instructor when the class is offered. Final exam required.

LATAMST 150 Advanced Studies in Latin American Studies 4 Units

Advanced research in current issues or regions of Latin American Studies. The course will focus on specific areas or topics with appropriate comparative material included. Topics change each semester.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week

8 weeks - 5.5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Latin American Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

LATAMST 160 The Politics of Development in Chile 6 Units

This course examines the politics of development in Chile. We will consider the different social and economic policies implemented during the years of the Popular Unity Coalition, the Pinochet dictatorship, in the transition back to a democratic political system, and the Concertacion governments that followed. We end the course by studying challenges to the neoliberal model, including the recent massive student mobilizations demanding reforms to the educational system, as well as challenges by labor and indigenous groups. We will conclude by considering how globalization shapes the politics of development today.

Hours & Format

Summer: 6 weeks - 20 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Latin American Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

LATAMST 192 Senior Thesis 3 or 4 Units

This course is designed to provide a vehicle for undergraduate students who do not participate in the departmental honors program but are interested in writing a major paper on a Latin American studies topic. The paper should be approximately 30-50 pages in length; the topic must be agreed upon in advance by both the students and faculty sponsor. Requires weekly consultations with faculty sponsor.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Senior standing

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3-4 hours of independent study per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 3-4 hours of independent study per week

8 weeks - 3-4 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Latin American Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

LATAMST H195 Senior Honors Thesis Seminar 4 Units

The honors student is required to research and write a thesis based on the prospectus developed in International and Area Studies 102. The thesis work is reviewed by the honors instructor. A second reader is to be selected based on the thesis topic. Weekly reports required.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: International and Area Studies 102 and consent of instructor; senior standing

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Latin American Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

LATAMST 198 Directed Group Study 1 - 4 Units

Topics vary from semester to semester.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Upper division standing and consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1-4 hours of directed group study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Latin American Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.