

LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES

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THE MAJOR

Latin American Studies allows students to bring together knowledge from environmental studies, the humanities, and the social sciences to build a foundation in the cultural, economic, environmental, geographical, historical, literary, and political contexts of Latin America. In addition to breadth in Latin American Studies through coursework in multiple disciplines, the program also emphasizes depth in understanding through concentration in a focused problem, topic, area, discipline, or method. Students develop significant language skills, cross-cultural understanding, an interdisciplinary approach, and the ability to incorporate Latin American perspectives in their analysis of fields including art, development, environmental conservation, history, literature, and politics. Both a major and minor are offered.

Learning outcomes for this program may be found at www.redlands.edu/BA-LAST/learning-outcomes.

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

SPANISH-LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT

All students majoring in Latin American Studies must achieve communicative competence in Spanish or another language from Latin America. We require satisfactory completion of SPAN 202 or demonstrated proficiency in Spanish at this level. Demonstrated competence in a Latin American language other than English may be substituted for Spanish under exceptional circumstances.

REQUIRED EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING (IMMERSION EXPERIENCE): 0 credits

All students majoring in Latin American Studies must complete one of the following:

- Semester of Study Abroad in Latin America
- University of Redlands Faculty-Led May Term Travel Course in Latin America
- Approved Community-Based Internship with Latin American Immigrant Communities in the U.S.A.
- Approved Community Service Activity with Latin American Immigrant Communities in the U.S.A

Students should consult their Latin American Studies advisor, the Director, and the College of Arts and Sciences Office of Study Away for program options.

CAPSTONE EXPERIENCE

Majors are required to complete a culminating project in Latin American Studies, such as a portfolio of work and reflections, or a substantial project reflecting the learning outcomes of the major. The project should be completed while the student is enrolled in an upper-division seminar or capstone taught by a program committee member, preferably during the senior year.

BACHELOR OF ARTS

The major in Latin American studies consists of 12 courses/ 48 credits.

1. CORE COURSE: 1 course/ 4 credits

-- LAST 101 Introduction to Latin America (4)

2. METHODS COURSE: 1 course/ 4 credits

Majors must take one methods course from the approved list, or another course approved by the LAST advisor or director. Methods courses without Latin American content may be used to fulfill the methods requirement, but do not count toward the credits needed to complete the major. Students are advised to use courses from their content areas for additional appropriate methods to build depth in the major. Note: many of these courses have prerequisites, so students should plan accordingly. The following are some suggested courses, but not a complete list of those that may count for this requirement. Consult the LAST advisor or director if you have questions.

-- ENGL 201 Critical Reading (4)

-- EVST 235 Environmental Impact Assessment (4)

-- EVST 399 Research Methods and Design (with focus on Latin America) (4)

-- MATH 111 Elementary Statistics with Applications (4)

-- POLI 200 The Study of Politics (4)

-- POLI 202 Statistical Analysis and Mapping of Social Science Data (4)

-- SOAN 300 Research Methods and Design (4)

-- SOAN 301 Fieldwork and Ethnographic Methods (4)

-- SPA 110 Introduction to Spatial Analysis and GIS (4)

-- SPAN 410 Introduction to Spanish Linguistics (4)

-- WGS 330 Feminist Research Methods (4)

3. CONTENT AREAS: 8 courses/ 32 credits

LAST majors must take eight courses, distributed across three content areas: Environmental Studies, the Humanities, and the Social Sciences (see the list of "Content Area Courses," below). To demonstrate breadth, at least one course must be taken from each content area. To demonstrate depth, LAST majors develop, in consultation with the LAST advisor, thematic, regional, or disciplinary emphases based on at least four courses, structured around their interests and experiences. Study abroad courses apply to specific content areas at the discretion of the LAST advisor or director.

4. ELECTIVES: 2 courses/ 8 credits

In addition to the above requirements, LAST majors must take another two courses. These include courses such as LAST 400 (Capstone in Latin American Studies), POLI 495, directed independent studies, additional methods classes, and other electives falling into a content area.

MINOR REQUIREMENTS

SPANISH-LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT

All students minoring in Latin American Studies must achieve communicative competence in Spanish or another language from Latin America. We require satisfactory completion of SPAN 202 or demonstrated proficiency in Spanish at this level. Demonstrated competence in a Latin American language other than English may be substituted for Spanish under exceptional circumstances.

REQUIRED EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING (IMMERSION EXPERIENCE): 0 credits

All students minoring in Latin American Studies must complete one of the following:

- Semester of Study Abroad in Latin America
- University of Redlands Faculty-Led May Term Travel Course in Latin America
- Approved Community-Based Internship with Latin American Immigrant Communities in the U.S.A.
- Approved Community Service Activity with Latin American Immigrant Communities in the U.S.A

Students should consult their Latin American Studies advisor, the Director, and the College of Arts and Sciences Office of Study Away for program options.

The minor in Latin American Studies consists of six courses emphasizing breadth in Latin American Studies.

1. CORE COURSE: 1 course/ 4 credits

-- LAST 101 Introduction to Latin America (4)

2. CONTENT AREA AND METHODS COURSES: 5 courses/ 18-20 credits

Minors must take an additional five LAST, cross-listed, or study-abroad courses approved by the LAST advisor or director. At least two of the three LAST content areas (Environmental Studies, the Humanities, and the Social Sciences) must be represented by at least one course. Study abroad courses apply to specific content area at the discretion of the LAST advisor or director.

SUGGESTED CONTENT AREA COURSES FOR THE MAJOR AND MINOR (OTHER COURSES, SUCH AS STUDY ABROAD COURSES AND OTHER ELECTIVES, MAY BE SUBSTITUTED WITH THE LAST PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL)

Environmental Studies Content Area

- EVST 220 Physical Geography (with a focus on Latin America) (4)
- EVST 242 Food and Nature (4)
- EVST 276 Market-Based Conservation Policy (4)
- EVST 277 Environmental Justice (4)
- EVST 351 PanaMapping: Geodesign to Conserve the Rainforest (3)
- EVST 315 Environmental Nonfiction (4)

Humanities Content Area

- ENGL 239 Chicana/o Literature (4)
- HIST 131 Latin American Civilizations (4)
- SPAN 424 Introduction to Hispanic Literature (4)
- SPAN 425 Spanish-American Civilization & Culture (4)
- SPAN 426 Survey of Spanish-American Literature (4)
- SPAN 427 Survey of Spanish-American Literature (4)
- SPAN 440 Spanish-American Narrative (4)
- SPAN 441 Hispanic Women Novelists (4)
- SPAN 442 Latin American Literature of the 20th Century (4)
- SPAN 450 Hispanic Poetry: Genres (4)
- SPAN 452 Hispanic Theater (4)

Social Science Content Area

- CDIS 260 Travel/Service Learning in Latin America Focus on Language, Culture and Education (3)
- POLI 230 Latin American Politics and Development (4)
- POLI 323 Mexican Politics (4)
- POLI 495 Political Science Capstone (with focus on Latin America) (4)
- REST 260 Chican@/Latinx Identity, Community & Politics (4)
- REST 260 Self-Directed Indigenous Language (4)
- SOAN 257 Latin American Societies and Cultures (4)
- WGS 165 Latinas Remaking America (4)
- WGS 365 History of Women in Latin America (4)

ADVISING

Both major and minor students must have a faculty advisor in the LAST program. They can choose from the director or those on the Advisory Committee. Advisors will aid students in choosing a range of courses, fulfilling their respective requirements, and focusing on their concentrations. Students declaring either a major or minor will need to fill out a declaration form with the director.

INTERNSHIPS

A semester-long internship or service-learning project can count toward the completion of the major or minor. Students should consult with their Latin American Studies advisor or the LAST director, who can aid them in finding and/or setting up their internship. Internships need to be focused on some aspect of Latin American society, language, or culture. If conducted in Spanish, the internship may count toward the language requirement.

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS (LAST)

101 Introduction to Latin America.

Fall (4), Spring (4).

Explores the history, environment, and diversity of human cultures shaping Latin America. Untangles the interrelationships between Latin American regions and global systems, including conquest, colonialism, and globalization. Takes a geographical approach, synthesizing the influence of environment, culture, technology, history, and the influence of power at various scales.

160 Special Topics.

Topics of current interest in Latin American Studies. May be repeated for degree credit, given a different topic, for a maximum of 8 credits.

Offered as needed.

260 Topics in Latin American Studies.

Diverse topics in Latin American studies dealing with either specific themes, currents of thought, or any other economic, political, social, or cultural manifestation coming from Latin America. May be repeated for degree credit, given a different topic, for a maximum of 12 credits.

Offered as needed.

360 Advanced Topics in Latin American Studies.

Interdisciplinary approaches to key issues, periods, personalities, movements, or tendencies in Latin American intellectual, political, social, or cultural history. Topics chosen tend to be examined from a cultural studies perspective. May be repeated for degree credit, given a different topic, for a maximum of 12 credits.

Offered as needed.

400 Capstone in Latin American Studies.

Fall (4).

This course integrates the interdisciplinary work of Latin American Studies majors and minors, including their on-campus classes and study abroad coursework. Students engage in the production and consumption of original research in Latin American Studies and begin to plan post-collegiate professional lives as Latin Americanists.

Prerequisite: LAST 101.

Offered as needed.