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, History, International Studies, 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 section in the Supplementary Academic Programming section of this catalog.

Participating Faculty

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Juan A. Eppele, Romance languages
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Philip W. Scher, anthropology
Lynn Stephen, anthropology
Analisia Taylor, Romance languages
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David J. Vazquez, English
Peter B. Wetherwax, biology
Kristin Yarris, international studies
Reuben Zahler, history
Rocio Zambrana, philosophy

Undergraduate Studies

Bachelor of Arts

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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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 inappropriate 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.

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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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**

**LAS199. Special Studies: [Topic]. 1-5 Credits.**
Repeatable twice when topic changes for a maximum of 15 credits.

**LAS200. 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.

**LAS211. 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.

**LAS212. 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.

**LAS399. Special Studies: [Topic]. 1-5 Credits.**
Repeatable twice when topic changes for a maximum of 15 credits.

**LAS401. Research: [Topic]. 1-4 Credits.**
Repeatable.

**LAS403. Thesis. 1-4 Credits.**
Repeatable.

**LAS405. Reading and Conference: [Topic]. 1-4 Credits.**
Repeatable.

**LAS407. Seminar: [Topic]. 4 Credits.**
Repeatable.

**LAS410. Experimental Course: [Topic]. 1-5 Credits.**
Repeatable twice when topic changes for a maximum of 15 credits.

**LAS510. Experimental Course: [Topic]. 1-5 Credits.**
Repeatable twice when topic changes for a maximum of 15 credits.