LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES MAJOR

The Bachelor of Latin American Studies curriculum focuses on achieving an interdisciplinary understanding of the region relative to an increasingly globalizing world. Under an advisor’s supervision, students write their own majors, selecting electives from more than twenty cooperating departments taught by some seventy affiliated faculty specializing in Latin America. The program strives to develop critical thinking, intercultural competency and research, analytical and communicative skills. The major requires a minimum of 30 credit hours in 10 Latin American content courses. Courses are selected from the various departments offering classes in the field as well as from Latin American Studies.

**Required Courses**

- LAST 4000 (https://catalog.tulane.edu/catalog-18-19/courses/html-cat/LAST4000.html) - Core Seminar

**Additional Information**

Six of the remaining seven Latin American content electives must be at the 2000-level or higher. Finally, three must be at the 6000-level. Students who take at least 20 college credits in 7 courses with Latin American content while on academic programs in Latin America approved by Tulane are required to take only two courses at the 6000-level. All 6000-level coursework for the major must be taken in residence at Tulane University; courses taken abroad will not count toward this requirement.

**Concentrations**

Five elective courses must concentrate on one of the themes that are the foundation of the interdisciplinary Latin American Studies program at Tulane. The concentration system serves to focus the coursework of Latin American Studies majors and minors. Working with the Undergraduate Adviser, students may choose one of the following:

1. Creativity
2. Encounter
3. Exchange
4. Identity
5. Land
6. Nation
7. People
8. Welfare

There are no specific required classes for any single concentration. Students may choose from a wide variety of Latin American content electives taught in numerous disciplines and departments according to their own conception of the concentration. Students will work closely with the undergraduate adviser to select appropriate classes and construct a coherent concentration.

**Language Requirement**

Latin American Studies majors must demonstrate linguistic competency in either Spanish or Portuguese. This can be done in one of three ways:

1. Complete with a passing grade at least one course at the 4000-level or higher in Spanish or Portuguese
2. Complete with passing grades at least one semester of coursework in Spanish or Portuguese on a study abroad program
3. Place into the 6000-level on the language test administered by the Department of Spanish and Portuguese Note that language classes below the 3100-level do not count as electives for the Latin American Studies major or minor programs.

**Sample Courses by Concentration**

Note that these lists are just an example of courses that could apply to a concentration. They are not comprehensive and do not account for all of the courses offered in each department nor those that might be offered as special topics in the departments or Latin American Studies. Courses taken abroad and on Tulane summer programs can also count toward the concentrations.

Creativity:
ARHS 3760 Art in Latin America, 1900-50
COMM 4190 Introduction of Latin American Film
SOCI 6930 Social Movements in Latin America
SPAN 6190 Avant-Garde Movements in Latin America
HISL 6610 Modernity and Its Discontents in Latin America

Encounter:
ARHS 3710 Colonial Art of Latin America
SPAN 6220 Chronicles and Epics of Spanish Conquest
HISL 3200 History of Voodoo and Other African Derived Religions
FREN 6085 Pigeons and Creoles
MUSC 3300 Music Cultures of the World

Exchange:
HISL 3100 Explorers, Liars and Travelers
IDEV 4320 Migrants, Refugees and Development
POLI 4600 Latin American International Relations
ARHS 6780 Latin American Avant-Gardes
MUSC 3360 The Latin Tinge: Jazz and Latin American Music in New Orleans and Beyond

Identity:
ANTH 3550 Social Change, Sustainability, and Postcolonial Identity in the Caribbean
HISL 6750 Africans in the Americas: Comparative Social and Cultural History of the African Diaspora
IDEV 4300 Identity and Development
SPAN 4160 Afro-Hispanic Literatures and Cultures
AFRS 4400 Afro-Brazilians

Land:
ANTH 3710 Historical Ecology of Amazonia
SPAN 4710 Environmental Literature and Film of the Hispanic World
SOCI 2650 Latin America and the Environment
PORT 6230 Brazilian Literature and the City
RBST 6910 Latin American Cities

Nation:
ANTH 4080 Race and Nation in the Spanish Caribbean
COMM 4610 National Cinemas in Latin America
HISL 6600 Peasants, Rebellion and the State in Latin America
POLC 4520 Comparative State-Building: Latin America
ECON 3590 Economic Development of Latin America

Peoples:
ANTH 3750 Bones, Bodies, and Disease
HISL 2850 Central America Radicals
ECON 3580 Labor and Population in Latin America
SOCI 6910 Gender in Latin America
SPAN 6740 Women Writers of Latin America

Welfare:
COMM 4301 Media and Democracy in Latin America
ECON 4600 Inequality and Poverty in Latin America
SPAN 4120 Social Problems in Spanish American Literature
POLC 4420 State and Society in Developing Countries
PORT 4120 Social Problems in Brazilian Literature and Culture

Requirements
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Electives
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Total Credit Hours 30

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2 The concentration system serves to focus the coursework of Latin American Studies majors and minors. Students will work closely with the undergraduate adviser to construct a coherent concentration of coursework, as Latin American content electives include a wide variety taught in several disciplines.

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