



Latin American and Latino/a Studies

DEGREES OFFERED

Bachelor of Arts in Latin American and Latino/a Studies

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Latin American and Latino/a Studies is designed to fit into the Liberal Arts focus of Holy Names University. It provides a multidisciplinary curriculum in the language, history, culture, spirituality, literature, and arts of Latin America and of Latinos/as in the United States. The major is ideal for students who desire a broader perspective on these topics and who will pursue graduate studies in fields such as Latin American Studies, Anthropology, Architecture, Ethnic Studies, History, Human Services, International Relations, Political Science, and Education.

CAREER OPTIONS

With a degree in Latin American and Latino/a Studies, students increase their career opportunities in business, government, education, human services, foreign service, and many other areas. To enhance career opportunities and experience Latino culture and history, students may also study abroad.

CURRICULUM

In preparation for the major in Latin American and Latino/a Studies, students must take four semesters of Spanish language or demonstrate equivalent proficiency. Students must take eight core classes in which history, culture, literature, and art in Latin America and Latino experiences in the United States are critically studied. The remainder of the Latinos Studies requirements are chosen among elective courses in Latin American and Caribbean Literature in translation, Immersion Study Trips to Mexico or El Salvador, and courses in Religious Studies such as the Human Person, Philosophy and Human Rights, and Liberation Theology. It is also possible to create a self-designed major which includes fifteen units of Latin American and Latino/a Studies as a component.

Preparation for the Major = 12 units

4 semesters of Spanish language or equivalent proficiency

Requirements for the Major: 30 units (Upper division courses).

24 units in the following courses

SPST 101W	Reading and Writing in Spanish	3 units
LALS 116	Cultures of Latin America	3 units
HIST 160	History of Latin America	3 units
HIST 162	History of Central America	3 units
HIST 177	Latino Community & Experience in the United States	3 units
LALS 115	Latin American Art & Music Experience	3 units
LALS 128 A,B,C	Literature of Latin America: 2 courses	

A = Narrative, B= Poetry, C= Latin American Thought 6 units

Plus six units chosen from the following courses:

LALS 175	Studies in Latin American Literature in translation (Topics change and it is offered in English)	3 units
LALS 177/RLST 177	(Immersion Study Trip to Oaxaca, Mexico)	6 units
LALS 178/RLST 178	(Immersion Study Trip to El Salvador)	6 units
RLST/PHIL 140W	Human Person (Intercultural Perspectives)	3 units
RLST 122	Religion, Philosophy and Human Rights	3 units
RLST 165 C	Liberation Theology	3 units
LALS 107W/ENGL 107W	Creative Writing in Spanish or English	3 units
Internship 1		3 units

Service to the community is included in the curriculum.

Seniors will keep a portfolio with their best papers in the different courses, the Senior Colloquium paper, and a self evaluation of their experience in the program.

FACULTY

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Scheduled visits to classes and appointments with faculty are encouraged and can be arranged through the Admission Office.

For transfer students, reasonable consideration is given to equating previous coursework with Holy Names University requirements.