The program leading to the MA in Latin American Studies allows students to acquire expertise in multiple aspects of Latin America. Building on the unique interdisciplinary structure of the School of Arts and Humanities, the program has an integrated curriculum that connects literary, historical, cultural, and visual studies. Students seeking the MA in Latin American Studies have two options, a "research" or a "professional" option. Students with plans for doctoral study should choose the research option.

Students pursuing the research option must complete thirty-six semester credit hours of coursework, demonstrate reading proficiency in an approved foreign language, complete an approved internship or study abroad, and successfully complete a capstone project. Normally no more than six semester credit hours of independent study are applicable to the degree plan.

**Master of Arts in Latin American Studies**

*36 semester credit hours minimum*

**Faculty**

*Professors:* Enric Madriguera, Rene Prieto  
*Associate Professor:* Charles Hatfield, Monica Rankin

**Major Core Course:** 3 semester credit hours

[LATS 6300](https://catalog.utdallas.edu/2017/graduate/programs/ah/latin-american-studies) Introduction to Latin American Studies  

Students are expected to complete this course as early as possible in their program.

**Prescribed Electives:** 15 semester credit hours

Prescribed electives are selected from the following courses:

[HIST 6360](https://catalog.utdallas.edu/2017/graduate/programs/ah/latin-american-studies) Latin American History  
[HIST 6365](https://catalog.utdallas.edu/2017/graduate/programs/ah/latin-american-studies) Mexican History  
[HUAS 6334](https://catalog.utdallas.edu/2017/graduate/programs/ah/latin-american-studies) Iberian Culture and Music  
[HUHI 6315](https://catalog.utdallas.edu/2017/graduate/programs/ah/latin-american-studies) Thought, Culture, and Society in Latin America  
[HUSL 6373](https://catalog.utdallas.edu/2017/graduate/programs/ah/latin-american-studies) Topics in Latin American Literature
Free Elective Courses: 9 semester credit hours

These three courses may be selected from other courses related to Latin America and/or the students' area of concentration. Students may take approved courses on Latin America topics in the School of Economic, Political, and Policy Sciences and the School of Interdisciplinary Studies.

Free electives must be approved by the Associate Dean for Graduate Studies.

Internship or Study Abroad: 3 semester credit hours

Students will also complete a minimum of 3 semester credit hours in an approved study abroad immersion program or a comparable internship program established in partnership with UT Dallas and businesses and/or non-for-profit agencies in the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

Capstone Project: 6 semester credit hours

Having completed thirty semester credit hours of coursework, students must write and present a capstone project on a topic of their choice in Latin American Studies, either a research thesis or final project.

Professional Option in Latin American Studies

Students pursuing the professional option in Latin American Studies must complete thirty-six semester credit hours of coursework, including LATS 6300 and 15 semester credit hours of prescribed electives, demonstrate reading proficiency in an approved foreign language, and complete an approved internship or study abroad. They are not required to complete a capstone project and they receive a terminal degree. Normally no more than six semester credit hours of independent study are applicable to the degree plan.