School of Arts and Humanities

Latin American Studies

Overview

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-three semester credit hours of coursework, demonstrate reading proficiency in an approved foreign language, and successfully complete a capstone project. Normally no more than six semester credit hours of independent study are applicable to the degree plan.

Faculty

Professors: Enric Madriguera, Rene Prieto, Rainer Schulte
Associate Professor: Charles Hatfield, Monica Rankin
Assistant Professor: Amy Kerner
Assistant Professor of Instruction: Pedro Gonzalez
UT Dallas Affiliated Faculty: Juan Llamas Rodriguez

Master of Arts in Latin American Studies

33 semester credit hours minimum

Coursework: 33 Semester Credit Hours

Major Core Course: 3 semester credit hours

LATS 6300 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** Latin American History
- **HIST 6361** Thought, Culture, and Society in Latin America
- **HIST 6365** Mexican History
- **HIST 6368** Genocide and Human Rights in Latin America
- **LIT 6326** Translation Workshop
- **LIT 6382** Latin American Literature
- **VPAS 6334** Iberian Culture and Music
- **LATS 6390** Internship in Latin American Studies

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.

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.

- **LATS 6399** Capstone Project in Latin American Studies

Professional Option

Students pursuing the professional option in Latin American Studies must complete thirty-three semester credit hours of coursework, including **LATS 6300** and 15 semester credit hours of prescribed electives, and demonstrate reading proficiency in an approved foreign language. 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.