School of Arts and Humanities

Latin American Studies (BA)

Students who complete the major in Latin American Studies will explore the region through three main avenues of study: (1) history; (2) economics, political science, and business; and (3) literature, language, and culture. Students are encouraged to specialize in one of these pillars while incorporating the program's multidisciplinary perspective.

Since the following catalog course descriptions are very general, students are urged to consult the detailed course descriptions available on the web site for the School of Arts and Humanities. At least one-half of the semester credit hours for a major must be taken at UT Dallas.

Courses in Latin American Studies are open to all students in the University.

Bachelor of Arts in Latin American Studies

Degree Requirements (120 semester credit hours)

View an Example of Degree Requirements by Semester

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

I. Core Curriculum Requirements: 42 semester credit hours

Communication: 6 semester credit hours
Select any 6 semester credit hours from Communication Core courses

Mathematics: 3 semester credit hours
Select any 3 semester credit hours from Mathematics Core courses

Life and Physical Sciences: 6 semester credit hours
Select any 6 semester credit hours from Life and Physical Sciences Core courses (see advisor and
degree requirements)

Language, Philosophy and Culture: 3 semester credit hours

HIST 2350 Latin American Civilizations

Or select any 3 semester credit hours from Language, Philosophy and Culture Core courses (see advisor)

Creative Arts: 3 semester credit hours

Select any 3 semester credit hours from Creative Arts Core courses (see advisor)

American History: 6 semester credit hours

Select any 6 semester credit hours from American History Core courses (see advisor)

Government/Political Science: 6 semester credit hours

Select any 6 semester credit hours from Government/Political Science Option courses (see advisor)

Social and Behavioral Sciences: 3 semester credit hours

GEOG 2303 People and Place: An Introduction to World Geographic Regions

Or select any 3 semester credit hours from Social and Behavioral Sciences Core courses (see advisor)

Component Area Option: 6 semester credit hours

Select any 6 semester credit hours from Component Area Option Core courses (see advisor)

II. Major Requirements: 39-45 semester credit hours

Introduction to Latin America Preparatory Requirement: 3-9 semester credit hours beyond Core Curriculum

HIST 2350 Latin American Civilizations

Choose 6 semester credit hours from the following:

LIT 2350 Close Reading

HIST 3301 Historical Inquiry

GEOG 2303 People and Place: An Introduction to World Geographic Regions

Foreign Language Requirement: 12 semester credit hours of Approved Language

The language requirement is 12 semester credit hours, or equivalent, of the same language, usually Spanish, or another approved language of relevance to Latin American Studies. Students can petition the Program Head for exceptions. If the language credit is obtained without taking classes, twelve additional semester credit hours of Free Electives (upper-division or lower-division) can be taken by
Latin American Studies Major Core Courses: 6 semester credit hours

LATS 3301 Latin American Literature

Choose 3 semester credit hours from the following:

HIST 3398 Colonial Latin American History
HIST 3399 Modern Latin American History

Latin American Studies Major Electives: 18 semester credit hours

Students must complete courses from the following list in at least two disciplinary areas. Students must complete at least 9 semester credit hours in a single disciplinary area.

History Electives

HIST 3391 Modern Mexico
HIST 3398 Colonial Latin American History
HIST 3399 Modern Latin American History
HIST 4369 Topics in Borderlands History
HIST 4359 Topics in Latin American History
HIST 3397 Study Abroad in Latin America (may be repeated as topics vary)

Other HIST courses with emphasis on Latin America may be considered.

Social Sciences Electives

CRIM 3319 Comparative Justice Systems
GEOG 2302 The Global Environment
GEOG 3304 Principles of Geospatial Information Sciences
GEOG 3359 Human Migration and Mobility: Global Patterns
GEOS 2321 Geology, Resources, and Environment of Latin America
PSCI 4348 Terrorism

Other geographical, political, and economic courses with emphasis on Latin America may be considered.

Language, Literature, and Culture Electives

LATS 3301 Latin American Literature
LATS 3302 Latin American Film
LATS 3303 Latin Social Dance
LATS 4329 Major Authors

3000 or 4000-level SPAN courses

LANG 4348, LIT 3319, and LIT 3337 with Latin American related subtitles will be allowed.

III. Elective Requirements: 33-39 semester credit hours

Free Electives: 33 semester credit hours

Both upper-and lower-division courses may be used as electives, but students must complete at least 51 semester credit hours of upper-division courses to qualify for graduation.

Incoming freshmen must enroll and complete requirements of ARHM 1100.¹

1. Incoming freshmen must enroll and complete requirements of UNIV 1010 and the corresponding school-related freshman seminar course. Students, including transfer students, who complete their core curriculum at UT Dallas must take UNIV 2020.

2. Curriculum Requirements can be fulfilled by other approved courses from institutions of higher education. The courses listed are recommended as the most efficient way to satisfy both Core Curriculum and Major Requirements at UT Dallas.

3. LATS 3301 is repeatable for credit; first completed attempt used for Major Core and subsequent attempts may be used as an elective.

4. Students may not count a major core course as a History elective.

5. Topics courses, CRIM 3319, GEOG 2302, GEOG 3304, GEOG 3359, and PSCI 4348 must be approved by the School of Arts and Humanities before enrolling to ensure that the course subject matter is predominantly Latin American.

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