

Latin American Studies

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Program of Study

Students concentrating in Latin American Studies gain a thorough grounding in selected aspects of Latin American history, politics, economics, or related subjects; knowledge of one or more of the social sciences as they deal with Latin American materials; and competence in Spanish or Portuguese as a tool for further work. The B.A. program in Latin American Studies can provide an appropriate background for careers in business, journalism, government, teaching, the nonprofit sector, or for graduate studies in one of the social sciences disciplines. Students more interested in the languages and/or literatures of Latin America may wish to consider the concentration in Romance Languages and Literatures.

Program Requirements

Before entering the program in Latin American Studies, students are expected to have satisfied the College language requirement with Spanish or Portuguese. Completion of the concentration program requires an additional three courses in second-year Spanish or Portuguese.

Students are required to fulfill the general education requirement in civilization studies with the three-course sequence in Latin American Civilization (LTAM 16100-16200-16300). This sequence of courses is the best introduction to the concentration. The civilization requirement can also be fulfilled through the Oaxaca study abroad program. In addition to the Latin American Civilization sequence, the concentration program requires five courses dealing with Latin America. Each quarter the Center for Latin American Studies prepares a list of relevant courses. Of these five required courses on Latin America, at least four must be in the social sciences. Courses that focus primarily on disciplinary, methodological, or comparative topics (such as international relations) may also be counted toward this requirement, provided the student successfully completes a paper or other major project treating a Latin American theme. The course instructor must certify the completion of such a project by means of a form available from the Center for Latin American Studies. Students are required to take two additional courses in the social sciences, bringing the concentration course total to eleven.

Concentration course requirements may be fulfilled in part through a study abroad program in Latin America, such as the Oaxaca study abroad program (SOSC 24302-24402-24502). For more information, consult one of the study abroad advisers (Lewis Fortner, HM 286, 702-8613; or Francisco Santamarina, HM 271, 834-0906).

Students participating in any non-University of Chicago study abroad program may petition to have one to two courses accepted in partial fulfillment of concentration requirements.

B.A. Essay. All students in the Latin American Studies concentration are required to write a B.A. essay under the supervision of a faculty member. Registration for the B.A. essay preparation course (LTAM 29900) is optional. Students who do register for LTAM 29900 may count this course as one of the five they must take dealing with Latin America. The grade students receive for this course depends on successful completion of the B.A. essay.

Junior Statement. In the course of their third year, Latin American Studies concentrators consult with their preceptor, the program adviser, and appropriate faculty to begin defining a topic for the B.A. essay, and to identify a faculty adviser who will work closely with the student on the project. An informational meeting is held in Spring Quarter to explain and facilitate this process. By Monday of ninth week of Spring Quarter, each junior must submit a brief B.A. essay proposal, including a statement of the topic, the name and signature of the faculty adviser, and a list of proposed summer readings relevant to the project.

B.A. Colloquium. The B.A. Colloquium in Latin American Studies (LTAM 29801) is a yearlong course led by the preceptor and B.A. adviser. Senior-year concentrators are required to participate in all three quarters, although they register only once for the Autumn Quarter. The Colloquium assists students in formulating approaches to the B.A. essay and developing their research and writing skills, while providing a forum for group discussion and critiques. Graduating students present their B.A. essays in a public session of the colloquium during the Spring Quarter.

Summary of Concentration Requirements

General Education		LTAM 16100-16200
Concentration	0-1	LTAM 16300 (if not taken to meet general education requirement)
	3	SPAN 20100-20200-20300† or PORT 20100-20200-21500†
	5	courses dealing with Latin America (four in the social sciences)
	2	courses in the social sciences
	1	LTAM 29801 (B.A. Colloquium)
	—	B.A. essay
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† Credit may be granted by examination.

Grading. Each of the required courses for the Latin American Studies concentration must be taken for a quality grade.

Honors. Students who have done exceptionally well in their course work and on their B.A. essay are considered for graduation with honors in Latin American Studies. Candidates must have a GPA of 3.0 or higher overall and 3.25 or higher in the concentration.

The Certificate Program in Latin American Studies

The certificate program in Latin American Studies is intended to provide students majoring in other disciplines with the opportunity to become familiar with Latin American social, cultural, economic, and political history, and with the major language(s) of the region. The course of study is designed to be flexible so as to serve students of the humanities, social sciences, biological sciences, and physical sciences. All certificate requirements can be completed in one year. Interdisciplinary study is encouraged.

The certificate program in Latin American Studies can provide an appropriate cultural background for a career in business, journalism, government, teaching, or the nonprofit sector, or can prepare a student for graduate studies in one of the social sciences disciplines.

Requirements. Before entering the program in Latin American Studies, students are expected to have completed the College language requirement. Completion of the certificate program in Latin American Studies requires two additional courses in Spanish or Portuguese.

Students are required to complete the civilization requirement in general education with the three-course sequence in Latin American Civilization (LTAM 16100-16200-16300). This sequence of courses is the best introduction to the concentration. The civilization requirement can also be fulfilled through the Oaxaca study abroad program. In addition, the certificate requires three courses with Latin American content. Each quarter the Center for Latin American Studies prepares a list of relevant courses.

Certificate program course requirements may be fulfilled in part through a study abroad program in Latin America, such as the Oaxaca study abroad program (SOSC 24300-24400-24500). For more information, consult one of the study abroad advisers (Lewis Fortner, HM 286, 702-8613; or Francisco Santamarina, HM 271, 834-0906).

Students participating in any non-University of Chicago study abroad program may petition to have one to two courses accepted in partial fulfillment of certificate requirements.

Research Paper. All students in the certificate program in Latin American Studies are required to write a research paper of intermediate length (twenty to twenty-five pages) in a course with Latin American content. It is the student's responsibility to make the appropriate arrangements with a faculty member.

Summary of Certificate Program Requirements

College Language Requirement	<i>demonstrated competence in Spanish or Portuguese equivalent to one year of college-level study</i>	
General Education	LTAM 16100-16200	
Concentration	1	LTAM 16300
	2	second-year courses in Spanish [†] or Portuguese [†]
	3	Latin America content courses
	—	research paper
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[†] Credit may be granted by examination.

Grading. All of the required courses for the Latin American Studies certificate must be taken for a quality grade.

Faculty

R. Z. Aliber, F. Alvarez, E. Amann, A. Apter, F. de Armas, D. Borges, L. Derby, P. S. J. Cafferty, M. Carneiro da Cunha, R. de Costa, P. Friedrich, S. Gzesh, J. Heckman, T. Herzog, T. Holt, F. Katz, R. Kendrick, A. Kolata, E. Kourí, C. Lomnitz, J. Lucy, N. McQuown, L. Medina, S. Palmié, L. Salzinger, M. Santana, S. Sassen, J. Saville, P. Sereno, L. Sjaastad, S. Stokes, R. Townsend, D. Tracy, M.-R. Trouillot, L. Voigt

Courses

In addition to the following courses, several special courses on Latin America are taught each year by the Rio Branco Visiting Professor of Brazilian Studies and the Edward Larocque Tinker Visiting Professors. Please consult the quarterly Time Schedules for current information.

Anthropology

Numerous courses under the number ANTH 212XX are offered that are not included on the list that follows. Please consult the quarterly Time Schedules.

ANTH 20100/40100. The Inca and Aztec States. A. Kolata. Not offered 2003-04; will be offered 2004-05.

ANTH 20300/31205. Historical Rituals. (=HIST 26201) C. Lomnitz. Not offered 2003-04; will be offered 2004-05.

ANTH 21204. Intensive Study of a Culture: The Brazilian Amazon. M. da Cunha. Not offered 2003-04; will be offered 2004-05.

ANTH 21205. Intensive Study of a Culture: Colonial New Mexico. M. Lycett. Not offered 2003-04; will be offered 2004-05.

ANTH 21209/40600. Intensive Study of a Culture: Yoruba. (=AFAM 20400) *A. Apter. Not offered 2003-04; will be offered 2004-05.*

ANTH 21230/30705. Intensive Study of a Culture: Lowland Maya History and Ethnography. (=HUDV 20400/30401) *J. Lucy. Winter.*

ANTH 21301. Modern Readings in Anthropology: Shamanism. *R. Fogelson. Autumn.*

ANTH 21403/33900. The Practice of Anthropology: Trends in Amazonian Ethnology. *M. da Cunha. Spring.*

ANTH 21800/31200. Amazonian Local Knowledge. *M. da Cunha. Not offered 2003-04; will be offered 2004-05.*

ANTH 22000/35500. The Anthropology of Development. (=ENST 22000) *A. Kolata. Spring.*

ANTH 22200. Slavery and Unfree Labor. *S. Palmié. Spring.*

ANTH 24500/40500. Traditional Peoples' Intellectual Rights. (=HMTR 24600) *M. da Cunha. Spring.*

ANTH 24900. The Invention of the Americas. *M. R. Trouillot. Not offered 2003-04; will be offered 2004-05.*

ANTH 26300/36300. Andean Prehistory. *A. Kolata. Not offered 2003-04; will be offered 2004-05.*

ANTH 26800/36800. Rise and Fall of Early Complex Societies. *A. T. Smith. Winter.*

ANTH 28200. Archaeology of the Spanish Borderlands. *M. Lycett. Not offered 2003-04; will be offered 2004-05.*

ANTH 28400/38800. Bioarchaeology and the Human Skeleton. *M. C. Lozada. Winter.*

ANTH 31300. Rethinking the African Diaspora. (=AFAM 20300) *A. Apter. Not offered 2003-04; will be offered 2004-05.*

ANTH 34401-34402. Fourth World Religions I, II. *PQ: Third- or fourth-year standing; must be taken in sequence. R. Fogelson. Not offered 2003-04; will be offered 2004-05.*

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LTAM 16100-16200-16300. Introduction to Latin American Civilization I, II, III. (=ANTH 23101-23102-23103, HIST 16101-16102-16103, LACS 34600-34700-34800, SOSC 26100-26200-26300) *PQ: Completion of the general education requirement in social sciences. May be taken in sequence or individually. This sequence meets the general education requirement in civilization studies.* An introduction to the history and cultures of Latin America, including Mexico, Central and South America, and the Caribbean

Islands. Autumn Quarter examines the origins of civilizations in Latin America with a focus on the political, social, and cultural features of the major pre-Columbian civilizations of the Maya, Inca, and Aztec. The quarter concludes with consideration of the Spanish and Portuguese conquest and the construction of colonial societies in Latin America. Winter Quarter addresses the evolution of colonial societies, the wars of independence, and the emergence of Latin American nation-states in the changing international context of the nineteenth century. Spring Quarter focuses on the twentieth century, with special emphasis on the challenges of economic, political, and social development in the region. *D. Borges, Autumn; D. Borges, Winter; E. Kouri, Spring.*

LTAM 24800/34800. Latin American Frontiers. *K. Jones. Winter.*

LTAM 26800/36800. Democracy and the Rule of Law in Latin America. *C. Smulovitz. Winter.*

LTAM 26900/36900. Political Foundations of Independence in Anglo- and Ibero-America: A Comparative Analysis. *J. Chiaramonte. Spring.*

LTAM 29200/39200. National and Cultural Identities in Spain and Europe: An Intercultural Examination. *N. Bilbeny. Autumn.*

LTAM 29700. Reading and Research in Latin America Studies. *PQ: Consent of faculty supervisor and program adviser. Students are required to submit the College Reading and Research Course Form. Normally taken for a quality grade. Summer, Autumn, Winter, Spring.*

LTAM 29801. B.A. Colloquium. *Required of concentrators.* The B.A. Colloquium in Latin American Studies is a yearlong course led by the preceptor and B.A. adviser. Senior-year concentrators are required to participate in all three quarters, although they register only once for the Autumn Quarter. The Colloquium assists students in formulating approaches to the B.A. essay and developing their research and writing skills, while providing a forum for group discussion and critiques. Graduating students present their B.A. essays in a public session of the colloquium during the Spring Quarter. *Register Autumn Quarter only; meets Autumn, Winter, Spring.*

LTAM 29900. Preparation of the B.A. Essay. *PQ: Consent of faculty supervisor and program adviser. Students are required to submit the College Reading and Research Course Form. Normally taken for a quality grade. Summer, Autumn, Winter, Spring.*

Political Science

PLSC 24900. Insurgency and Democratization in Latin America, 1960 to 2000. *L. Medina. Winter.*

Public Policy

PBPL 28600. Problems of Economic Policy in Developing Countries. (=ECON 25600, PPHA 37500) *PQ: ECON 20100 and 20200, or consent of*

instructor. L. Sjaastad. Spring.

Romance Languages and Literatures

Portuguese

Literature and Culture

PORT 21500/31500. *Estilística da língua portuguesa.* PQ: PORT 20200/30200 or consent of instructor. A.-M. Lima. Spring.

PORT 29700. Readings in Special Topics. PQ: PORT 10300 or 20200/30200, depending upon the requirements of the program for which credit is sought. Students are required to submit the College Reading and Research Course Form. Autumn, Winter, Spring.

Spanish

Literature and Culture

All literature and culture courses are conducted in Spanish unless otherwise indicated. Spanish concentrators do all work in Spanish. With prior consent of instructor, nonconcentrators may write in English.

SPAN 20900. *Literatura hispánica: textos hispanoamericanos.* PQ: SPAN 20300 or consent of instructor. Winter.

SPAN 21500/31500. *Introducción al análisis literario.* PQ: SPAN 20300 or consent of instructor. M. Santana. Autumn.

SPAN 22800/32800. *Revisiones de la historia colonial en la novela y el cine latinoamericanos.* PQ: SPAN 20300 or consent of instructor. Classes conducted in Spanish. L. Voigt. Spring.

SPAN 23000. Captivity Narratives. (=CMLT 21700) Classes conducted in English. L. Voigt. Spring.

SPAN 26100/36100. *El teatro a través de los siglos.* PQ: SPAN 20300 or consent of instructor. Readings and class discussion in Spanish. R. de Costa. Spring.

SPAN 29200/39200. National and Cultural Identities in Spain and Europe: An Intercultural Examination. N. Bilbeny. Autumn.

SPAN 29700. Readings in Special Topics. PQ: SPAN 10300 or 20300, depending on the requirements of the program for which credit is sought. Students are required to submit the College Reading and Research Course Form. Autumn, Winter, Spring.

SPAN 29900. B.A. Paper Preparation: Spanish. PQ: Consent of B.A. adviser. Students are required to submit the College Reading and Research Course Form. Individual tutorial sessions arranged. Winter.