



Duluth Campus

Latin American Area Studies B.A.

World Languages & Cultures

College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

- Program Type: Baccalaureate
- Requirements for this program are current for Fall 2016
- Required credits to graduate with this degree: 120
- Required credits within the major: 32 to 48
- This program requires summer terms.
- A study abroad experience is required.
- Degree: Bachelor of Arts

This program prepares students to thrive as globally competent citizens through in-depth encounters with Latin American cultures.

Majors develop Spanish language communication skills. Topics studied pertain to Latin American literature, history, politics, and arts. The emphasis of this program is students' ability to analyze and articulate their understanding of the role that race, class, gender, sustainability, and human rights play in Spanish-speaking North America, Central America, South America and the Caribbean.

A major in Latin American Area Studies prepares graduates to be cross-culturally competent, global citizens who can apply their skills, knowledge, cultural awareness, and social commitment to a wide variety of local, regional, national, or international career choices (including law, government, non-governmental organizations) and graduate or professional programs.

A study abroad experience is required.

Program Delivery

This program is available:

- via classroom (the majority of instruction is face-to-face)

Admission Requirements

For information about University of Minnesota admission requirements, visit the [Office of Admissions website](#).

Required prerequisites

Introductory Requirement (1 cr)

Transfer students with 24 or more credits and current UMD students who change colleges to CLA are exempt from this requirement. New first-year students with 24 or more PSEO credits may request to be waived from this requirement.

[UST 1000](#) - Learning in Community (1.0 - 2.0 cr)

General Requirements

The Board of Regents, on recommendation of the faculty, grants degrees from the University of Minnesota. Requirements for an undergraduate degree from University of Minnesota Duluth include the following:

1. Students must meet all course and credit requirements of the departments and colleges or schools in which they are enrolled including an advanced writing course. Students seeking two degrees must fulfill the requirements of both degrees. However, two degrees cannot be awarded for the same major.
2. Students must complete all requirements of the [Liberal Education Program](#).
3. Students must complete a minimum of 120 semester credits.
4. At least 30 of the last 60 degree credits earned immediately before graduation must be awarded by UMD.
5. Students must complete at least half of their courses at the 3xxx-level and higher at UMD. Study-abroad credits earned through courses taught by UM faculty and at institutions with which UMD has international exchange programs may be used to fulfill this requirement.
6. If a minor is required, students must take at least three upper division credits in their minor field from UMD.
7. The minimum cumulative UM GPA required for graduation will be 2.00 and will include only University of Minnesota coursework. A minimum UM GPA of 2.00 is required in each UMD undergraduate major and minor. No academic unit may impose higher grade point standards to graduate.
8. Diploma, transcripts, and certification will be withheld until all financial obligations to the University have been met.

Program Requirements

1. A study abroad experience is required.
2. A second field of study (either a minor or another major).
3. Students majoring in LAAS cannot minor in Hispanic Studies, but may double major.
4. Students double majoring in LAAS and Hispanic Studies must have a third field of study (another major or minor).

Required Language Core (0-16 cr)

Students with previous language study may be exempt from some core requirements and should consult the department about placement.

[SPAN 1101](#) - Beginning Spanish I [LE CAT, COMM & LAN] (4.0 cr)

[SPAN 1102](#) - Beginning Spanish II [LE CAT, COMM & LAN] (4.0 cr)

[SPAN 1201](#) - Intermediate Spanish I [LE CAT, COMM & LAN] (4.0 cr)

[SPAN 1202](#) - Intermediate Spanish II [LE CAT, COMM & LAN] (4.0 cr)

Required Core (12 cr)

[SPAN 2301](#) - Advanced Spanish [LE CAT, COMM & LAN] (4.0 cr)

[SPAN 2550](#) - Globalization and Sustainability in Latin America [SUSTAIN] (4.0 cr)

[SPAN 3042](#) - Civilization, Cultures and Communities in Latin America [HUMANITIES, GLOBAL PER] (4.0 cr)

Required Study Abroad (3 cr)

Study abroad to Latin America. Students may select from the program list below or consult with an LAAS adviser for other options.

[FORS 3200](#) - Exploring Sustainability & Culture - Study Abroad [GLOBAL PER] (1.0 - 6.0 cr)

or [FORS 3205](#) (*Inactive*)(3.0 cr)

or [FST 4266](#) - INTB 4495 Peru's Food Movement: The Links to Health, Development and Branding [GLOBAL PER] (3.0 cr)

Required Electives (13 cr)

Other UMD courses that pertain to Latin America may be approved by an LAAS adviser.

Take 13 or more credit(s) from the following:

• [ANTH 3618](#) - Ancient Middle America (3.0 cr)

• [ANTH 3632](#) - Latin American Cultures (3.0 cr)

• [GEOG 3712](#) - Geography of Latin America (3.0 cr)

• [POL 3575](#) - Latin American Politics and Development (3.0 cr)

• [POL 3580](#) - Central American Politics (3.0 cr)

• [SPAN 2540](#) - Latino Literatures and Cultures [LE CAT8, LECD CAT08, HUMANITIES, CDIVERSITY] (4.0 cr)

• [SPAN 401x](#)

• [WS 3001](#) - Gender Relations in the Global South [GLOBAL PER] (3.0 cr)

• [WS 3002](#) - Latin American Women: Culture and Politics (3.0 cr)

Advanced Writing Requirement (3 cr)

Recommended: [WRIT 3100](#) - Advanced Writing: Language and Literature

[WRIT 31xx](#) - Adv Writing (3 cr)