Duluth Campus

Latin American Studies B.A.

World Languages & Cultures

College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

- Program Type: Baccalaureate
- Requirements for this program are current for Spring 2020
- Required credits to graduate with this degree: 120
- Required credits within the major: 32 to 51
- This program requires summer terms.
- Degree: Bachelor of Arts

Latin American Studies is the newer of the two Spanish programs offered at UMD. Students who major or minor in this program take courses in Spanish language through the advanced level before taking an interdisciplinary set of courses to intensify their study of Latin America. Our students apply their linguistic and interdisciplinary skills to a wide variety of local, regional, national, or international career choices. Latin American Studies majors do this by participating in either a study abroad experience or internship. Students gain experience through fieldwork with a Spanish-speaking community abroad or in Minnesota.

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.

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 or internship in Latin America or in a Latino community in the United States is required.
2) A second field of study (either a minor, another major or dual degree).
3) Students majoring in Latin American Studies cannot minor in Hispanic Studies, but may double major.
4) Students double majoring in Latin American Studies and Hispanic Studies must have a third field of study (another major or minor).

First Term 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)

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Required Language Core (0-16 cr)

Students with previous language study, including those who are native or heritage speakers, may be exempt from some core language requirements and should consult the Latin American Studies advisor within 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 Experience (3-6 cr)

A study abroad experience or internship (at least 3 credits) in Latin America or in a Latino community in the United States is required. Many UMD short-term study abroad programs are typically offered during the summer. Students may select from the list below or consult with a Latin American Studies advisor for other options.

Short-term Study Abroad Programs at UMD

HIST 3313 - Global Surf Culture - Study Abroad [GLOBAL PER] (4.0 cr)
or INTB 4231 - Peru's Food Revolution: The Links to Sustainability, Development and Branding [GLOBAL PER] (3.0 cr)
or SPAN 3890 *{Inactive}*[GLOBAL PER] (6.0 cr)

or **one of the following:**

BIOL 4839 - Coral Reef Field Studies [GLOBAL PER] (3.0 cr)
or EES 4839 - Coral Reef Geology [GLOBAL PER] (3.0 cr)

or **Internship**

SPAN 3097 - Internship (1.0 - 3.0 cr)

Required Electives (13 cr)

Other courses that pertain to Latin America may be approved by a Latin American Studies advisor.

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

- AMIN 3430 - Global Indigenous Studies [GLOBAL PER] (3.0 cr)
- ANTH 3632 - Latin American Cultures (3.0 cr)
- ARTH 3110 - Art of the Ancient Americas (3.0 cr)
- ARTH 3130 - Modern and Contemporary Mexican Art (3.0 cr)
- ARTH 3140 - Women in Art/Visual Culture in Latin America (3.0 cr)
- GEOG 3712 - Geography of Latin America (3.0 cr)
- LING 1811 - Introduction to Linguistics [LE CAT2, LOGIC & QR] (3.0 cr)
- LING 3101 *{Inactive}*(3.0 cr)
- PHIL 2011 - Philosophy of Language [LE CAT3, SOC SCI] (3.0 cr)
- PHIL 3025 - Philosophy of Race and Racism [RACE JUST] (4.0 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 3020 - Advanced Spanish for Business (4.0 cr)
- SPAN 3097 - Internship (1.0 - 3.0 cr)
- SPAN 4011 - Latin American Prose [HUMANITIES] (4.0 cr)
- SPAN 4013 - Latin American Poetry and Drama [HUMANITIES] (4.0 cr)
- SPAN 4017 - Latin American Cinema and Culture [FINE ARTS] (4.0 cr)
- SPAN 4018 - Latin America From Within [HUMANITIES] (4.0 cr)
- SPAN 4019 - Seminar: Latin America in the 21st Century [HUMANITIES] (4.0 cr)
- WS 3001 - Gender Relations in the Global South [GLOBAL PER] (3.0 cr)

Advanced Writing Requirement (3 cr)

Recommended: WRIT 3100 - Advanced Writing: Language and Literature
WRIT 31xx - Adv Writing (3 cr)

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