

Latin American Studies, B.A.

DEPARTMENT

BA in Chicano Studies, B.A.
MN in Chicano/Latino Studies, Minor
BA in Latin American Studies, B.A.
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REQUIREMENTS

Department of Chicano and Latin American Studies

Bachelor of Arts Degree Requirements

Latin American Studies Major

The Bachelor of Arts in Latin American Studies requires a minimum of 120 units, which includes courses for the major, General Education, electives, and all university requirements. Students seeking a bachelor's degree in Latin American Studies must be in good standing with the university and must maintain a minimum GPA of 2.75. Before enrolling in upper-division courses, students must complete designated lower-division courses.

The B.A. in Latin American Studies is an interdisciplinary degree designed to give students an understanding of the region from diverse disciplines and perspectives. Students are strongly encouraged to spend a semester abroad studying in Latin America, Spain, or Portugal. Majors should also develop proficiency in either Spanish or Portuguese by graduation. High school students preparing to enter the program should not have less than three years of study in either Spanish or Portuguese.

The B.A. in Latin American Studies prepares students for graduate studies or employment in government services or international organizations. It also provides a strong foundation for students who wish to teach at the secondary school level, at a two-year college, or at the university level. Students are also prepared for careers in the private sector with an emphasis in international business or specialized focus on Latin America.

Latin American Studies Major

1. Major requirements (33 units)

Core (15 units)

15 units to be selected from the following:

Chicano and Latin American Studies: CLAS 70, CLAS 72, CLAS 128, CLAS 170, CLAS 171, CLAS 173

Economics: ECON 181

History: HIST 8, HIST 166

Senior Project (3 units)

Choose among: CLAS 150, CLAS 172S, HIST 169T, ECON 190

Electives (15 units)*

AI 103, ANTH 130, ANTH 141, ANTH 143, CLAS 112, CLAS 114, CLAS 115, CLAS 128, CLAS 171, CLAS 172S, CLAS 173, ECON 114, ECON 179, GEOG 170T, GEOG 172, HIST 145, HIST 160, HIST 162, HIST 165, HIST 167, HIST 169T, HIST 183, PLSI 146T, PLSI 148, ARTH 170, ARTH 173, ARTH 175, HUM 130, SPAN 125, SPAN 129, SPAN 143, SPAN 145, SPAN 147

2. General Education requirements (48 units)

3. Other requirements (9 units)

American Government and Institutions (PLSI 2), Multicultural and International (MI), and Upper-division writing

4. Sufficient elective units to meet required total units (varies)

5. Total units (120)*

* G.E. and MI courses can be double-counted with major requirements. See advisor for details.

Note: A semester abroad in Spain, Portugal or a Latin American country can replace the senior project. The academic components of such a study abroad program would include application of key concepts, comparative analysis of the culture, description and discussion of current political/social issues, and analysis of the impact of globalization on the country visited.

FACULTY

The Chicano and Latin American Studies Department consists of faculty whose teaching and research expertise cover a broad spectrum, including anthropology, education, history, sociology, political science, Latin America, Latinx literature, and the arts. CLAS hosts the yearly Latin American Film Festival to bring Latin American films and filmmakers to the Central Valley. The department is home to one of Central California's premier Mexican folkloric dance programs, Los Danzantes de Aztlán. This performance troupe is the only group of its kind in the entire CSU system to be designated as an official representative of a CSU campus (Fresno). The offices of the department also serve as a resource center for many of the Chicanx/Latinx student organizations and as an information center for the community.

For faculty phone numbers and e-mail, see the campus directory.

For more on the faculty, see the faculty pages.

The faculty pages are updated by the department or program.