

Latin American and Latino Studies

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The Department of Latin American and Latino Studies offers work leading to the Master of Arts in Latin American and Latino Studies. The mission of the Master of Arts in Latin American and Latino Studies is to offer an interdisciplinary perspective to the study of both contemporary Latin American societies and of historical minorities and immigrants of Latin American descent living in the United States. This program emphasizes the histories and experiences of Latin American people as they enter into a transnational dialogue that defines both American and Latin American identities, cultures, economies, and politics in the 21st century. The program encourages an interdisciplinary approach that ranges across the social sciences, humanities, cultural studies, and history.

Admission and Degree Requirements

- MA in Latin American and Latino Studies (<http://catalog.uic.edu/gcat/colleges-schools/liberal-arts-sciences/lals/ma>)

LALS 403. Interdisciplinary Research Methods in Latin American and Latino Studies. 3 or 4 hours.

Examination of research methods in social sciences and current trends in Latin American and Latino Studies. Emphasis on critical analysis of research methods, use of analytical approaches for particular kinds of investigation, and hands on application to case studies. Course Information: 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite(s): LALS 301 and LALS 302; or graduate standing. Recommended Background: Credit or concurrent registration in LALS 501.

LALS 409. Ancient Maya Writing, Language and Culture. 3 or 4 hours.

Recent trends in Maya epigraphy, information gained from Maya hieroglyphs, linguistics, and historical ethnographies are applied to anthropological analyses of past lifeways. Course Information: Same as ANTH 409. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite(s): Junior standing or above; and consent of the instructor.

LALS 423. Andean Prehistory. 3 or 4 hours.

An overview of the cultural evolution of the Andean region from the arrival of the first inhabitants to the development of the Inca empire. Course Information: Same as ANTH 423. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite(s): ANTH 269 or consent of the instructor.

LALS 427. Studies in Language Policy and Cultural Identity. 3 or 4 hours.

Examines the development, articulation, and effects of language policies on identity formation and culture. Focuses on the United States and the Spanish language, although other countries and languages are included. Course Information: Same as SPAN 427. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Taught in English. Prerequisite(s): Junior standing or above.

LALS 433. Latin American Migration to the U.S. 3 or 4 hours.

Latin American migration to the U.S. International migration theories, family remittances, transnational linkages, dual citizenship, and past and current U.S. immigration policy debates. Course Information: Same as SOC 433. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite(s): Consent of the instructor.

LALS 442. Topics in Latinx Literature. 3 or 4 hours.

Study of a specific topic in Latinx literature and literary studies, which may examine a single or select group of authors, a particular genre, or a particular regional or aesthetic focus. Topics vary. Course Information: Same as ENGL 442. # undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. May be repeated for a maximum of 6 hours of credit for undergraduates, or 8 hours of credit for graduate students. Prerequisite(s): Grade of C or better in ENGL 240 or Grade of C or better in ENGL 243 or Grade of C or better in LALS 101 or Grade of C or better in LALS 102; and junior standing or above; or consent of instructor.

LALS 461. Topics in Latin American History. 3 or 4 hours.

Specific topics are announced each term. Course Information: Same as HIST 461. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. May be repeated. Students may register in more than one section per term. Prerequisite(s): 3 hours of history, Latin American and Latino studies, or consent of the instructor.

LALS 491. Interdisciplinary Seminar in Latin American Studies. 3 or 4 hours.

Specific topics as announced each semester. In-depth study of selected topics such as: process of state formation, education, populism, the family, democratization, industrialization and ideological currents. Course Information: 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. May be repeated if topics vary. Prerequisite(s): Any two 200-level Latin American and Latino Studies courses or consent of the instructor.

LALS 495. Interdisciplinary Seminar in Latino Studies. 3 or 4 hours.

In-depth study of Latino communities and current issues from an interdisciplinary perspective, with emphasis on the learning and use of investigative methodologies. Course Information: 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. May be repeated if topics vary. Prerequisite(s): Any two 200-level Latin American and Latino Studies courses or consent of the instructor.

LALS 497. Community Research Internship. 3 or 4 hours.

Work in community-based organizations and cultural institutions to develop experiential knowledge about social, political and cultural issues facing Latinos and Latin Americans. Placements introduce issues of ethnicity, identity, and transnationalism. Course Information: 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite(s): Junior standing or above and consent of the instructor. Concurrent registration in LALS 498. Recommended Background: LALS 403.

LALS 499. Advanced Independent Study. 1-4 hours.

Individual advanced reading or research project in Latin American or U.S. Latino studies, with instructor's consent and supervision. Course Information: May be repeated to a maximum of 8 hours. Students may register in more than one section per term. Prerequisite(s): Open, with consent of the instructor, to graduate students and Latin American and Latino studies majors with at least a 3.00 grade point average. Students in other programs or with lower than a 3.00 grade point average are admitted at the instructor's discretion only. Class Schedule Information: This course counts toward the limited number of independent study hours accepted toward the undergraduate degree and the major.

LALS 500. Latinx and Latin American Critical Thought. 4 hours.

The evolution of Latinx and Latin American thought. Focus on autochthonous production of Latin American and Latinx studies scholars, canonic themes and scholarly concern.

LALS 501. Latinos and Latin America in Transnational Context. 4 hours.

Analysis of transnational processes linking Latin America and Latinos in the U.S. The impact of globalization on migration, culture, identity, work, health, education, family, politics.

LALS 502. Topics in Latin American and Latino Studies. 4 hours.

In-depth study of selected research topics related to Latin America and/or U.S. Latinos that reflect the major and most current debates in these fields. Course Information: May be repeated if topics vary. Prerequisite(s): Graduate or professional standing; or consent of the instructor.

LALS 504. Proseminar in Latin American and Latino Studies. 1 hour.

Introduction to the profession, discussion of lectures, course work, readings, and student research. Students attend various lectures, conferences, and community events relating to Latin America and/or Latinos/as, and share their own work. Course Information: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory grading only. May be repeated. Prerequisite(s): Credit or concurrent registration in LALS 501 or Credit or concurrent registration in LALS 502.

LALS 561. Colloquium on Latin American History. 4 hours.

Topics on themes in Latin American history. Specific topics are announced each term. Course Information: Same as HIST 561. May be repeated. Students may register in more than one section per term.

LALS 590. Directed Research. 1-4 hours.

Students complete research and composition of the final paper project under the direction of a supervising professor. Course Information: May be repeated. Prerequisite(s): LALS 501 and LALS 502.

LALS 596. Independent Study. 1-4 hours.

Investigation of special problems under the direction of a faculty member. Course Information: May be repeated to a maximum of 8 hours. Students may register in more than one section per term. Prerequisite(s): Consent of the instructor.