

# MA in Latin American and Latino Studies

## Admission Requirements

Applicants are considered on an individual basis. The program will accept and review applications for the fall semester only. Transcripts for all undergraduate and any graduate work must be submitted. In addition to the Graduate College minimum requirements, applicants must meet the following requirements:

- **Baccalaureate Field** No restrictions.
- **Grade Point Average** At least 3.00/4.00 for the final 60 semester hours (90 quarter hours) of undergraduate study.
- **Minimum English Competency Test Score**
  - **TOEFL** 80, with subscores of Reading 19, Listening 17, Speaking 20, and Writing 21 (iBT Test); 60, with subscores of Reading 19, Listening 17, Writing 21 (revised Paper-Delivered Test), **OR**,
  - **IELTS** 6.5, with subscores of 6.0 for all four subscores, **OR**,
  - **PTE-Academic** 54, with subscores of Reading 51, Listening 47, Speaking 53, and Writing 56.
- **Letters of Recommendation** Three letters required, preferably from faculty members in social sciences and humanities.
- **Resume/CV** A resume or CV is required.
- **Personal Statement** Required. The statement must address the applicant's professional and academic goals and the candidate's reasons for applying to a Latin American and Latino Studies graduate program. The statement should have a maximum extension of three double-spaced pages.

## Degree Requirements

In addition to the Graduate College minimum requirements, students must meet the following program requirements:

- **Minimum Semester Hours Required** 34.
- **Course Work**

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Required Courses</b>		
LALS 403	Interdisciplinary Research Methods in Latin American and Latino Studies	
LALS 497	Community Research Internship	
LALS 500	Latinx and Latin American Critical Thought	
LALS 501	Latinos and Latin America in Transnational Context	
LALS 502	Topics in Latin American and Latino Studies	
LALS 504	Proseminar in Latin American and Latino Studies (2 hours)	
LALS 590	Directed Research	
<b>Electives</b>		
8 hours at the 400 or 500 level selected upon consultation with an advisor		

- **Comprehensive Examination** None.
- **Other Requirements** Students must write an MA paper that is approved by the research director and one faculty reader in order to graduate. Students will have a choice of either writing a policy related research paper or a paper focused on a research question in Latino and Latin American Studies.

## Interdepartmental Concentrations

Students earning a graduate degree in this department may complement their courses by enrolling in select concentrations after consulting with their graduate advisor. Interdepartmental concentrations available for this degree include:

- [Black Studies](#)
- [Gender and Women's Studies](#)
- [Museum and Exhibition Studies](#)