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 Internet-based); 60, with subscores of Reading 19, Listening 17, Writing 21 (New Paper-Based—after August 2018); 550 (Institutional Testing Paper-Based—prior to August 2018), **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.
- **Tests Required** GRE.
- **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**

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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 two faculty readers 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 (http://catalog.uic.edu/gcat/colleges-schools/liberal-arts-sciences/black-studies-conc)
- Museum and Exhibition Studies (http://catalog.uic.edu/gcat/colleges-schools/architecture-design-arts/muse-conc)