

# BA with a Major in Latin American and Latino Studies

**Program Codes:**  
20FT1405BA

## Degree Requirements

To earn a Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences degree from UIC, students must complete university, college, and program degree requirements. The Department of Latin American and Latino Studies degree requirements are outlined below. Students should consult the [College of Liberal Arts and Sciences](#) section for additional degree requirements and college academic policies.

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Summary of Requirements</b>		
Major Requirements		33-36
Prerequisite and Collateral Courses		4
General Education and Electives to reach minimum Total Hours		80-83
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>120</b>

## General Education

See General Education and Writing-in-the-Discipline in the [College of Liberal Arts and Sciences](#) section for information on meeting these requirements.

## Major Requirements

For the Bachelor of Arts, 33 semester hours are required as distributed below. For the Bachelor of Arts with highest academic distinction, 36 semester hours are required as distributed below:

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Required Courses</b>		
LALS 101	Introduction to Latin American Studies <sup>a,b</sup>	3
LALS 102	Introduction to Latino Studies <sup>b,c</sup>	3
Three 200-level courses		9
LALS 301	Research Methods in Latin America and Latino Studies <sup>d</sup>	3
One additional 100- or 200-level course		3
Two additional 300-level courses		6
LALS 491	Topics in Latin American Studies	3
LALS 495	Topics in Latino Studies	3
LALS 403	Interdisciplinary Research Methods in Latin American and Latino Studies (required for highest departmental distinction only)	3
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>33-36</b>

<sup>a</sup> This course is approved for the Exploring World Cultures General Education category.

- <sup>b</sup> This course is approved for the Understanding the Past General Education category.
- <sup>c</sup> This course is approved for the Understanding U.S. Society General Education category.
- <sup>d</sup> LALS 301 fulfills the Writing-in-the-Discipline requirement.

## Prerequisite and Collateral Courses

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Courses</b>		
SPAN 104	Intermediate Spanish II	4
or SPAN 114	Spanish for Heritage Speakers II	
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>4</b>

## Recommended Plan of Study

Course	Title	Hours
<b>First Year</b>		
<b>Fall Semester</b>		
ENGL 160	Academic Writing I: Writing in Academic and Public Contexts	3
Elective		4
Quantitative Reasoning		3-5
General Education Requirement course		3-5
<b>Hours</b>		<b>13-17</b>
<b>Spring Semester</b>		
ENGL 161	Academic Writing II: Writing for Inquiry and Research	3
LALS 101	Introduction to Latin American Studies	3
or LALS 102	or Introduction to Latino Studies	
Elective		4
General Education Requirement course		3
General Education Requirement course		3-5
<b>Hours</b>		<b>16-18</b>
<b>Second Year</b>		
<b>Fall Semester</b>		
LALS 101	Introduction to Latin American Studies	3
or LALS 102	or Introduction to Latino Studies	
Elective		3
LALS 2xx or LALS 1xx <sup>b</sup>		3
General Education Requirement course		3-5
General Education Requirement course		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>15-17</b>
<b>Spring Semester</b>		
LALS 1xx or 2xx <sup>b</sup>		3
LALS 2xx <sup>b</sup>		3
SPAN 104	Intermediate Spanish II <sup>a</sup>	4
or SPAN 114	or Spanish for Heritage Speakers II	
General Education Requirement course		3
General Education Requirement course		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>16</b>
<b>Third Year</b>		
<b>Fall Semester</b>		
LALS 2xx <sup>b</sup>		3
Select one of the following:		3
LALS 3xx <sup>b</sup>		
LALS 301	Research Methods in Latin America and Latino Studies	
General Education Requirement course/Elective		3-5
General Education Requirement course/Elective		3
Electives		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>15-17</b>
<b>Spring Semester</b>		
LALS 301	Research Methods in Latin America and Latino Studies	3

LALS 3xx <sup>b</sup>		3
Electives		9
<b>Hours</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Fourth Year</b>		
<b>Fall Semester</b>		
LALS 491	Topics in Latin American Studies	3
Electives		12
<b>Hours</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Spring Semester</b>		
LALS 495	Topics in Latino Studies	3
Electives		12
<b>Hours</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>120</b>

a *SPAN 104 or SPAN 114 is a required collateral course for the major.*

*Students may place out of this requirement with an appropriate score on the Spanish Language Placement Exam.*

b *Students are required to take three 200-level courses, two 300-level courses, and one additional 100- or 200-level course.*