

LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES BA

The Bachelor of Arts in Latin American Studies offers students an interdisciplinary perspective on the vibrant and diverse countries and cultures of Latin America. Students gain an understanding of the various cultural practices and worldviews of the broad region and critically analyze complex issues by applying different theoretical frameworks in the humanities and social sciences. Students develop the language skills and cultural understanding needed to engage in and negotiate contemporary societies of Latin America.

This low-unit major is especially valuable for students pursuing careers in Spanish, agriculture, anthropology, business, geography, history, international relations, and political science. The major prepares students for careers in business, education, journalism, sustainable development, recreation, and travel, as well as job opportunities in government and non-governmental agencies.

Students are encouraged to study abroad (<https://www.csuchico.edu/studyabroad/>) in Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, Mexico, and Uruguay.

Advising Requirement

Advising is mandatory for this program. Consult your department advisor or program coordinator for information.

E-advising Tools

Use the interactive e-advising tools designed to help students graduate within four years. These tools can be accessed through the Student Center in the Portal (<https://portal.csuchico.edu>).

Grading Requirement

All courses taken to fulfill program course requirements must be taken for a letter grade except those courses specified by the department as credit/no credit grading only.

Course Requirements for the Major: 31-43 units

Completion of the following courses, or their approved transfer equivalents, is required of all candidates for this degree. Courses in this program may complete more than one graduation requirement.

A minimum fourth-semester competency in Spanish is required for Latin American Studies majors. Students interested in Portuguese can fulfill this language requirement by taking the equivalent of four semesters of Portuguese from an accredited program either in the United States or through study abroad. Students who have met the language competency prior to enrollment should see the major advisor regarding completion of requirements.

Course	Title	Units
Foundation		
LAST 110	Latin America Today	3
LAST 120	Latin American Film and Culture	3
LAST/GEOG 357	Lands and Peoples of Latin America	3
LAST/HIST 382W	Modern Mexico (W)	3
LAST 495W	Seminar in Latin American Studies (W)	3
Language Competency		

Prerequisites

Select 0-12 units from the following: 0-12

SPAN 101	Beginning Spanish I
SPAN 102	Beginning Spanish II
SPAN 201	Intermediate Spanish I
or SPAN 201 Intermediate Spanish for Business	
or SPAN 201 Intermediate Spanish for Healthcare	

Intermediate Proficiency

SPAN 202	Intermediate Spanish II	4
or SPAN 202N Intermediate Spanish for Heritage Speakers		

Electives

Select 6-9 units from **Group A** and 3-6 units from **Group B** for a total of 12 units from the following: 12

Group A:

Select at least six units from the following:

ARTH 471W	Ancient Mexican Art (W)
ARTH 472W	Maya Art (W)
ARTH/CHLX 473W	Colonial and Modern Mexican Art (W)
ARTH 474W	Ancient Andean Art (W)
LAST/MUSC 305	Music of Latin America
SPAN 330	Pop Culture in the Hispanic World
SPAN 332	Latin America Past and Present
SPAN 341	Literary Explorations of the Hispanic World
SPAN 443	Hispanic Novel
SPAN 450	Stories of Migration in the Hispanic World
SPAN 451	Literature of Mexico
SPAN 455	Indigenous Literature and Translation
SPAN 471	Women and Literature in the Hispanic World
SPAN 481	Film and Literature in the Hispanic World

Group B:

Select at least three units from the following:

ANTH 437	Globalization and Human Rights
HIST 380	Colonial Latin America
HIST 381	Modern Latin America
HIST 480	Social Revolution in Latin America
HIST 482	Native Latin Americans
INST 401	International Forum
LAST/SWRK 463	Human Rights in Latin America
LAST 489	Intercult Experiential Lrng
SOCI 354	Global Perspectives on Ethnicity and Nationalism

Total Units 31-43

Electives Requirement

To complete the total units required for the bachelor's degree, select additional elective courses from the total University offerings. You should consult with an advisor regarding the selection of courses which will provide breadth to your University experience and possibly apply to a supportive second major or minor.

See Bachelor's Degree Requirements (<https://catalog.csuchico.edu/undergraduate-requirements/bachelors-degree-requirements/>) for

complete details on general degree requirements. A minimum of 39 units, including those required for the major, must be upper division.

General Education Requirements: 43 units

See General Education (<https://catalog.csuchico.edu/colleges-departments/undergraduate-education-academic-success/general-education/#gerequirementstext>) and the Class Schedule (<http://www.csuchico.edu/schedule/>) for the most current information on General Education requirements and course offerings.

American Institutions Course Requirements: 6 units

The American Institutions graduation requirement, as mandated in Title 5, Section 40404 ([https://govt.westlaw.com/calregs/Document/I56C041434C6911EC93A8000D3A7C4BC3/?viewType=FullText&originationContext=documenttoc&transitionType=CategoryPageItem&contextData=\(sc.Default\)](https://govt.westlaw.com/calregs/Document/I56C041434C6911EC93A8000D3A7C4BC3/?viewType=FullText&originationContext=documenttoc&transitionType=CategoryPageItem&contextData=(sc.Default))), requires that students satisfactorily complete courses in United States history, the US Constitution, and government and American ideals (including California state and local government). At Chico State, HIST 130 meets the US history requirement (US-1), and POLS 155 meets the US Constitution and government requirement (US-2) and the California state and local government requirement (US-3). POLS 155 also fulfills three units of GE Area 4, Social and Behavioral Sciences. See Bachelor's Degree Requirements (<https://catalog.csuchico.edu/undergraduate-requirements/bachelors-degree-requirements/#amin>) for more information.

Diversity Course Requirements: 6 units

You must complete a minimum of two courses that focus primarily on cultural diversity. At least one course must be in US Diversity (USD) and at least one in Global Cultures (GC). See Diversity Requirements (<https://catalog.csuchico.edu/undergraduate-requirements/diversity-requirements/>) for a full list of courses. Many courses taken to satisfy these requirements may also apply to General Education (<https://catalog.csuchico.edu/colleges-departments/undergraduate-education-academic-success/general-education/>).

Upper-Division Writing Requirement

Writing Across the Curriculum (EM 17-009 (<https://www.csuchico.edu/pres/em/2017/17-009.shtml/>)) is a graduation requirement and may be demonstrated through satisfactory completion of four Writing (W) courses, two of which are designated by the major department. See Writing and Math Requirements (<https://catalog.csuchico.edu/undergraduate-requirements/writing-math-requirements/>) for more details on the four courses. The first of the major designated Writing (W) courses is listed below.

- HIST 382W/LAST 382W Modern Mexico (W)

The second major-designated Writing course is the Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement (GW) (EO 665 (<https://calstate.policystat.com/policy/9585618/latest/>)). Students must earn a C- or higher to receive GW credit. The GE English Composition (1A) (<https://catalog.csuchico.edu/colleges-departments/undergraduate-education-academic-success/general-education/#1A>) requirement must be completed before a student is permitted to register for a GW course.