

LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES BA

More Information

Advising Requirement

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

E-advising Tools

Students are encouraged to use the interactive e-advising tools that have been designed to help them graduate within four years. These tools can be accessed through the Student Center.

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 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.

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/GEOG 357	Lands and Peoples of Latin America	3
LAST/HIST 382W	Modern Mexico (W)	3
LAST 495W	Seminar in Selected Topics (W)	3
Select two of the following:		6
LAST 110	Latin America Today	

LAST 120 Latin American Film and Culture

LAST/PHIL 226 Latin American Philosophy

Language Competency

Select 4-16 units to meet Spanish competency from the following: 4-16

SPAN 101 Beginning Spanish I

SPAN 102 Beginning Spanish II

SPAN 201 Intermediate Spanish I

or SPAN 201 Intermediate Spanish for Healthcare

SPAN 202 Intermediate Spanish II

or SPAN 202 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 (not taken as part of above requirements) 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 110 Latin America Today

LAST 120 Latin American Film and Culture

LAST/PHIL 226 Latin American Philosophy

LAST/MUSC 305 Music of Latin America

SPAN 332 Cultures of Latin America

SPAN 341 Literary Explorations of the Hispanic World

SPAN 443 Hispanic Novel

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 International Development and Globalization

ECON 375 The Developing Countries

HIST/CHLX 235 Mexican American History

HIST 380 Colonial Latin America

HIST 381 Modern Latin America

HIST 480 Social Revolution in Latin America

INST 401 International Forum

LAST 489 Intercult Experiential Lrng

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: 48 units

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

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. Most courses taken to satisfy these requirements may also apply to General Education (<https://catalog.csuchico.edu/colleges-departments/undergraduate-education/general-education/>).

Upper-Division Writing Requirement

Writing Across the Curriculum (EM 17-009 (<http://www.csuchico.edu/prs/EMs/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 Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning and Writing Requirements (<https://catalog.csuchico.edu/undergraduate-requirements/mathematicsquantitative-reasoning-writing-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 Written Communication (A2) (<https://catalog.csuchico.edu/colleges-departments/undergraduate-education/general-education/#A2>) requirement must be completed before a student is permitted to register for a GW course.