

CA Latin American and Latino/a Studies

Latin American and Latino/a Studies is an interdisciplinary program that combines courses from multiple academic departments to give students a broad understanding of historical, social, and cultural aspects of Latin America and Latino/a communities. Coursework in social sciences, literature, music, dance, drama, and Spanish language provides a comprehensive approach to historical and contemporary issues as well as questions of identity, heritage and creative expression.

Career Opportunities

The Latin American and Latino/a Studies program affords students access to a range of career opportunities in the United States and abroad. The continuing importance of Latin America for the U.S. and the growing Latino/a population in the U.S. have produced an increasing need for trained persons with a knowledge of Latin American and Latino/a communities to work in social service, government and foreign service, non-governmental organizations, law, teaching, business and other fields.

Program Learning Outcomes

Students completing this program will be able to:

1. Demonstrate knowledge of Latin American history, geography, cultural traditions and innovations, and social issues.
2. Engage with the integrative, multidisciplinary nature of Latin American and Latino/a Studies and apply multiple perspectives from the Humanities and Social Sciences.
3. Use effective written and oral communication skills that reflect knowledge of the Spanish language, critical thinking and a comparative approach to cross-cultural understanding.

Major: Core and Selective Requirements

Selective Courses, complete a total of 18-23 units from the following:

Area 1 - Social Sciences, choose a minimum of 6 units from the following: Units

HIST 245	Race, Ethnicity and Immigration in the U.S.	3 units
HIST 246	History of Latinos in the U.S.	3 units
HIST 422	Modern Latin America	3 units
PSYC 106	Psychology of Prejudice and Discrimination	3 units
SOCI 141	Ethnicity and Race in Society	3 units

Area 2 - Arts, Culture and Literature, choose a minimum of 4-6 units from the following: Units

DANC 115.1	Mexican Folkloric Dance I	1 unit
DANC 115.2	Mexican Folkloric Dance II	1 unit
DANC 115.3	Mexican Folkloric Dance III	1 unit
DANC 115.4	Mexican Folkloric Dance IV	1 unit
DANC 125.1	Salsa I	1 unit
DANC 125.2	Salsa II	1 unit
DANC 125.3	Salsa III	1 unit
DANC 125.4	Salsa IV	1 unit
DRAM 160	Latin American Theatre	3 units
LIT. 371	Mexican-American Literature	3 units
LIT. 372	Myth and Folklore of La Raza	3 units
LIT. 373	Latin American Literature in Translation	3 units
MUS. 240	Music of the Americas	3 units
SPAN 162	Latino Literature II	3 units

Area 3 - Spanish Language and Heritage, choose a minimum of 3-5 units from the following: Units

SPAN 120	Advanced Elementary Spanish	5 units
SPAN 122	Advanced Elementary Spanish II	3 units
SPAN 131	Intermediate Spanish I	3 units
SPAN 132	Intermediate Spanish II	3 units
SPAN 140	Advanced Intermediate Spanish	3 units
SPAN 145	Spanish Conversation through Film	3 units
SPAN 220	Spanish for Heritage Speakers I	4 units
SPAN 230	Spanish for Heritage Speakers II	4 units



Area 4, choose a minimum of 5 to 6 units from the following: **Units**

Any course or courses not selected from Areas 1, 2 or 3.	5 - 6 units
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