

# LATIN AMERICAN AND LATINO STUDIES (CERT)

## Graduate Certificate in Latin American and Latino Studies

Unit: College of Arts and Sciences (<http://louisville.edu/artsandsciences/>) (GA)

Program: Latin American and Latino Studies (<http://louisville.edu/latinamericanstudies/>)

Academic Plan Code(s): LAS\_CLA

## Program Information

**The Graduate Certificate in Latin American and Latino Studies (LALS)** at the University of Louisville is an interdisciplinary program that delves into the rich tapestry of Latin American and Latino cultures in the United States. Housed within the College of Arts and Sciences, the program offers students a comprehensive understanding of the region through diverse course options. These courses explore various facets of Latin American societies, including history, social structure, economic and political systems, literature, art, and culture.

The 15 credit hour program can be completed as a standalone program or combined with other graduate programs, providing flexibility for students with diverse academic backgrounds and interests. Whether you are a recent graduate seeking to specialize in Latin American studies or a seasoned professional looking to enhance your cultural competency, the LALS program can help you achieve your goals.

## Admissions Requirements

Applicants need to have completed an undergraduate baccalaureate degree granted by a United States institution of higher education or its equivalent in another country. To be accepted into the LALS Graduate Certificate Program, students must meet the standard criteria for general admission to the University of Louisville Graduate School, and supply all standard documentation required for admission.

Students wishing to pursue the graduate certificate in conjunction with a graduate degree program in another University of Louisville department should first apply and be admitted to the degree program before applying for admission to the LALS Graduate Certificate Program. The Director of the Latin American and Latino Studies Program will interview each student as part of the application process and an Admissions Committee will review applications and decide if a student may be recommended to the LALS Graduate Certificate Program.

Potential students should complete an online application for graduate programs (<http://louisville.edu/graduate/apply/>) at the University of Louisville.

## Certificate Requirements

The graduate certificate in Latin American and Latino Studies requires at least 15 credit hours of graduate level coursework. Three of the five required courses must be taken at the 600 level. Coursework toward the graduate certificate in LALS may also count toward the student's graduate degree.

Students also must meet a minimum language requirement of three hours of previous coursework in Spanish or Portuguese at the 200 level or above, or demonstrate equivalent language proficiency.

Code	Title	Hours
At least one of the following:		
LALS 680	Issues in Latin American and Latino Studies	3
SPAN 670	Special Topics	
POLS 647	Seminar in Latin America	
HIST 503	Advanced Studies in History	
PAS 510	Advanced Topics in Afro-American and African Studies	
Four courses with a substantial Latin American content from at least three different disciplines		12
These may include the following disciplines but could include others if a course is offered with a substantial Latin American content: Anthropology, Art History, History, Humanities, Linguistics, Modern Languages, Pan-African Studies, Political Science, Portuguese, and Spanish, and Women's and Gender Studies. <sup>1, 2</sup>		
<b>Minimum Total Hours</b>		<b>15</b>

<sup>1</sup> Students may not apply 500-level courses taken for undergraduate credit to the LALS graduate certificate.

<sup>2</sup> Substitutions may be made at the discretion of the Director of Latin American and Latino Studies. Additional courses with substantial Latin American content, which are not listed below, may also be taken to fulfill the requirements for the LALS Graduate Certificate. This list is updated regularly on the LALS website (<http://louisville.edu/latinamericanstudies/>).