LATIN AMERICAN AND LATINO STUDIES (BA)

This program was approved for students entering the university in the Summer 2025-Spring 2026 catalog year. For more information about catalog year, go to Catalog Year Information (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/university-wide-unit-specific-policies/catalog-year/).

Bachelor of Arts in Latin American and Latino Studies

Unit: College of Arts and Sciences (https://www.louisville.edu/artsandsciences/) (AS)

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

Academic Plan Code(s): LALSBA

Program Information

Latin American and Latino Studies at the University of Louisville is an
interdisciplinary program that explores the diverse cultures of Latin
America and Latino communities in the United States, ultimately
preparing students to become knowledgeable and engaged citizens
in our global society.

Completion of this degree requires work to be submitted for the program's Learning Outcomes Measurement. For details, contact the LALS Director.

Degree Summary

Code	Title	Hours
	on Requirements (https://catalog.louisville.edu/ general-education-requirements/) ¹	31
College/School F	Requirements	22
Program/Major I	Requirements ¹	36
Supporting Cour	ses	32
Minimum Total H	Hours	121

Some credit hours from the General Education Requirements may be satisfied by courses defined by the program, in which case additional electives will be required to complete the minimum hours for the degree. See the Degree Requirements tab for specific coursework.

Specific coursework information can be found on the Degree Requirements tab.

Departmental Admission Requirements

Admission to the BA in Latin American and Latino Studies requires a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0 and a minimum grade point average of 2.0 on courses in the major.

The Change Major Request form can be found under the Academic Progress tile on ULink.

General Education Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
General Education	n Requirements (https://catalog.louisville.edu/	31
undergraduate/ge	eneral-education-requirements/) *	

The following courses are required by the program and can satisfy the respective General Education Requirement:

Introduction to Latin American Studies - D2 (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), SB (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)

LALS 311 Introduction to U.S. Latino Studies - D1

LALS 310

(https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), SB (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)

Combined, LALS 310 and LALS 311 satisfy 3 hours of SB requirement as well as the D1 & D2 requirements. Certain approved electives (e.g. COMM 350 or TA 365) may also satisfy general education requirements.

All degrees require the completion of the University-wide General Education Program (link provided above). Some General Education requirements may be met in the requirements for the major or supporting coursework, in which case additional electives may be required to complete the minimum hours for the degree.

College/School Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Arts & Sciences	Requirements	
GEN 100	Student Success Center First Year Experience	1
or GEN 101	Arts & Sciences First Year Experience	
Foreign Languag	ge ¹	12
Electives in Hum	nanities or Natural Sciences ²	9
WR-two approv	ed courses at the 300 level or above ³	
Minimum Total I	Hours	22

Program/Major Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Program in Latin	American and Latino Studies	
LALS 310	Introduction to Latin American Studies - D2 (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), SB (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	3
LALS 311	Introduction to U.S. Latino Studies - D1 (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), SB (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	3
LALS 400	Latin American and Latino Studies Internship - CUE (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergradua general-education-requirements/), WR (https:// catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general- education-requirements/)	3 ate/

Language Requirement

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Spanish or Portuguese at the 200 level, or demonstration of equivalent language proficiency	3
Humanities	
Select two of the following:	6

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ARTH 342	Special Topics in Art History - WR (https://	SPAN 554	Hispanic Culture through Film and Media
	catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general- education-requirements/)	TA 326	Cultural Diversity in Performance - AH (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-
ARTH 365	Mexican Art and Architecture		education-requirements/), D1 (https://
ARTH 542	Special Topics - WR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/ undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)		catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general- education-requirements/) ⁴
ARTH 544	Pan-African Art: Form and Content	TA 365	Theatre of the African World - AH (https://
ENGL 369	Minority Traditions in American Literature - AH (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), D1 (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-	_	catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general- education-requirements/), D2 (https:// catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general- education-requirements/)
	education-requirements/)	Social Sciences 5,	6
ENGL 373	Women and Global Literature - AH (https://	Select three of th	ne following:
	catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general- education-requirements/), D2 (https:// catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general- education-requirements/)	ANTH 325	The Anthropology of Latin America - D2 (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), SB (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-
ENGL 549	Studies in Post-Colonial and/or Ethnic Literature -		education-requirements/)
ENGL 554	CUE (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/ general-education-requirements/) Women's Personal Narratives - CUE (https://	ANTH 333	Globalizing Inequalities - WR (https:// catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general- education-requirements/) 4
LINGL 334	catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-	ANTH 338	Anthropology of Refugees
	education-requirements/)	ANTH 347	Global Capitalisms
HUM 377	African-American Religion - AH (https://	COMM 350	Introduction to Intercultural Communication - D2
	catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general- education-requirements/), D1 (https:// catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general- education-requirements/)	COMINI 330	(https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/ general-education-requirements/), SB (https:// catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general- education-requirements/)
HUM 380	Culture of Iberia-Latin America	GEOG/LALS	Urbanism in the Global South: Cities and Space
HUM 382	Native American Cultures	510	·
LALS 200	Exploring Latin America - AH (https://	HIST 331	Colonial Latin America
	catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-	HIST 332	Latin America, 1820 to Present
	education-requirements/), D2 (https://	HIST 333	Women in Latin American History
	catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-	LALS 317	Social Sciences Special Topics in Latino Studies
1.41.0.010	education-requirements/)	LALS 321	Social Science Special Topics in Latin American
LALS 313	Panamanian Culture - D2 (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-		Studies
	education-requirements/), SB (https://	MKT 370	Global Marketing
	catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-	PAS 206	Introduction to Caribbean Studies - D2 (https://
M L/SPAN 260	education-requirements/) Cultures of Latin America - AH (https:// catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general- education-requirements/), D2 (https://		catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general- education-requirements/), SB (https:// catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general- education-requirements/)
	catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-	PAS 219	Survey of Brazilian Music
	education-requirements/)	PAS 227	Survey of American Diversity
M L 313	Special Topics in Language, Literature, or Culture	PAS 247	Language, Protest and Identity
M L 356	Latin American Literature	PAS 329	Slave Trade and Slavery
SPAN 403	Foundations of Latin American Nations and	PAS 346	African Languages in the Diaspora
	Identities	PAS 360	African Diaspora in the Caribbean and Latin
SPAN 404	Cultural and Literary Perspectives on Modern Latin America	PAS 392	America Faces of Global Poverty - WR (https://
SPAN 524	Introduction to Hispanic Linguistics		catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-
SPAN 527	Latin American Literature: Colonial Period through 19th Century	PAS 396	education-requirements/) ⁴ History of the Caribbean
SPAN 528	Contemporary Spanish-American Theatre	PAS 590	The Black Atlantic
SPAN 529	Spanish-American Poetry	PAS 505	Advanced Topics in Afro-American and African
SPAN 530	Spanish-American Narrative	FMO 010	Studies

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	PAS 532	Slave Trade and Slavery in the African World		SOC 464	Race and Ethnicity - CUE (https://	
	PAS 533	The History and Popular Culture of the African Diaspora			catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/ education-requirements/), WR (https:/	
	PAS 542	Black Women's Voices - WR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-			catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/ education-requirements/) ⁴	
		education-requirements/) 4		BSW 303	Generalist Practice I	
	PAS 547	Language, Race, Class and Gender		BSW 472	Generalist Practicum Seminar and Lak	
	PAS 581	Pan-African Art: Form and Content			(https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergi general-education-requirements/)	
	POLS 315	Race, Law and Politics - D1 (https://		BSW 473	Generalist Practicum Seminar and Lal	
		catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general- education-requirements/), SB (https://		WGST 333	Women in Latin American History	
		catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general- education-requirements/)		WGST 343	Faces of Global Poverty - WR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/	
	POLS 330				education-requirements/) 4	
	POLS 331	The United Nations and International		WGST 520	Women's Personal Narratives	
	POLS 332	Organization - WR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/ undergraduate/general-education-requirements/) 4		WGST 558	Women in Developing Countries - WR catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/education-requirements/) 4	
	PULS 332	International Law - WR (https:// catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general- education-requirements/) ⁴		WGST 593	Topics in Women's, Gender and Sexua Humanities	
	POLS 336	Politics of European Integration and Foreign Policy	LA	LS Electives a	t the 300 level or above ⁷	
		4	Mii	nimum Total F	lours	
	POLS 370	Comparative Political Development in Latin				
		America - D2 (https://catalog.louisville.edu/ undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), SB (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/	Co		Title	
				Supporting Courses Social Science Electives at the 300 level or above ^{8,9}		
		general-education-requirements/)		Humanities Electives at the 300 level or above 8,9		
	POLS 371	Latin America in the World		nimum Electiv		
	POLS 495	Senior Seminar - CUE (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-		nimum Total F		
		education-requirements/), WR (https:// catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general- education-requirements/) ⁴	Co		Title lergraduate Experience (Graduation requ	
	POLS 444	Law, Diplomacy and Power: The Foreign Relations			illed by completing:	
	PULS 444	of the U.S.		LALS 400	Latin American and Latino Studies Int	
	POLS 506	Topics in International Relations			CUE (https://catalog.louisville.edu/un	
	POLS 530	International Negotiation			general-education-requirements/), WR	
	POLS 563	Women in Developing Countries - WR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/generaleducation-requirements/) 4		catalog.louisville.edu/undergradu education-requirements/)		
	SOC 210	Race in the United States - D1 (https://			the intermediate level of a single foreigr courses counted toward General Educati	
	000210	catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-		n addition to d e at 300 level		
		education-requirements/), SB (https://	_		orated into other degree requirements.	
		catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-		ulfills WR req	uirement.	
	000000	education-requirements/)		⁵ 6 of the 9 hours must be at the 300 level or above		
	SOC 323	Diversity and Inequality	3		completing a second major in any of the	
	SOC 392	Faces of Global Poverty - WR (https:// catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general- education-requirements/) ⁴	L	pelow may use no more than 6 hours in that Depart LALS requirement. Select three courses from above not used to meet t		
	SOC 454	Social Inequality & Stratification - CUE (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), WR (https://		Social Science	requirements.	
				College Progra	S courses, in addition to courses used t mmatic Requirements.	
		catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-			may be approved by the LALS Director. C	
		education-requirements/) ⁴		Advisor about Special Topics Courses and Independ		

SOC 464	Race and Ethnicity - CUE (https://			
	catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general- education-requirements/), WR (https://			
	catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-			
	education-requirements/) 4			
BSW 303	Generalist Practice I			
BSW 472	Generalist Practicum Seminar and Lab I - CUE (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)			
BSW 473	Generalist Practicum Seminar and Lab II			
WGST 333	Women in Latin American History			
WGST 343	Faces of Global Poverty - WR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-			
	education-requirements/) ⁴			
WGST 520	Women's Personal Narratives			
WGST 558	Women in Developing Countries - WR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-			
	education-requirements/) 4			
WGST 593	Topics in Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studie Humanities	es:		
LALS Electives at	the 300 level or above ⁷	9		
Minimum Total Ho	purs	36		
Code	Title	Hours		
Supporting Cours				
	ectives at the 300 level or above ^{8,9}	6		
Humanities Electives at the 300 level or above ^{8,9}				
Minimum Elective	es ¹⁰	20		
Minimum Total Ho	Minimum Total Hours 32			
Code	Title	Hours		
Culminating Undergraduate Experience (Graduation requirement)				

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- e Humanities or
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- Consult the LALS Advisor about Special Topics Courses and Independent Studies that may fulfill requirements for the major. Special Topics Courses that may have LALS content are listed at the bottom of the page.



Students who satisfy General Education Requirements by courses defined by the program will require additional electives to complete the minimum hours for the degree.

Potential LALS-Content Special Topics Courses

Code	Title	Hours
ANTH 562	Special Topics in Cultural Anthropology	3
ARTH 342	Special Topics in Art History - WR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	3
ARTH 542	Special Topics - WR (https://catalog.louisville.edundergraduate/general-education-requirements/	
COMM 510	Special Topics in Communication Studies	3
HIST 310	Studies in History	3
HIST 503	Advanced Studies in History	3
HON 336	Honors Seminar in Humanities - WR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/generaleducation-requirements/)	3
HON 436	Honors Seminar in Humanities - WR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/generaleducation-requirements/)	3
HON 446	Honors Seminar in Social Sciences - WR (https:/catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	// 3
HUM 562	Selected Topics	3
M L 551	Special Topics	3
SPAN 313	Special Topics in Spanish Culture, Literature and Linguistics	1 3
SPAN 499	Special Topics in Spanish Culture, Literature and Linguistics	1 3
SPAN 599	Special Topics	3
TA 555	Special Topics in Theatre	1-3

Flight Plan

Year 1		
Fall		Hours
GEN 100 or GEN 101	Student Success Center First Year Experience or Arts & Sciences First Year Experience	1
ENGL 101	Introduction to College Writing - WC (https:// catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education- requirements/)	3
General Educatio	n: Cardinal Core Quantitative Reasoning - QR	3
Spanish or Portu	guese Language I	4
General Elective		3
	Hours	14
Spring		
ENGL 102	Intermediate College Writing - WC (https:// catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education- requirements/)	3
General Educatio	n: Cardinal Core Natural Sciences with Lab - B	3
General Educatio	n: Cardinal Core Arts & Humanities - AH	3
Spanish or Portu	guese Language II	4
General Elective		3
	Hours	16
Year 2		
Coll		

General Education: Cardinal Core Arts & Humanities - AH

Perspective - SBH

General Education: Cardinal Core Social & Behavioral Sciences Historical

	tion: Cardinal Core Oral Communication - OC	3
Spanish or Por	tuguese Language III	4
LALS 310	Introduction to Latin American Studies - D2 (https:// catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education- requirements/), SB (https://catalog.louisville.edu/ undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	3
	Hours	16
Spring		
General Educat	tion: Cardinal Core Natural Sciences - S	3
	Natural Science Elective	3
General Electiv		3
	tuguese Language (200 level)	3
LALS 311	Introduction to U.S. Latino Studies - D1 (https:// catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education- requirements/), SB (https://catalog.louisville.edu/ undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	3
	Hours	15
Year 3		
Fall		
Humanities or	Natural Science Elective (300 level or above)	3
Social Science	LALS Elective	3
Humanities LA	LS Elective	3
General Electiv	e	3
WR General Ele	ective (300 level or above)	3
	Hours	15
Spring		
	LALS Elective (300 level or above)	3
Humanities LA		3
	Elective (300 level or above)	3
	ective (300 level or above)	3
General Electiv		3
Veer 4	Hours	15
Year 4 Fall		
LALS 400	Latin American and Latino Studies Internship - CUE (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/ general-education-requirements/), WR (https:// catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education- requirements/)	3
Social Science	Elective (300 level or above)	3
Social Science	LALS Elective (300 level or above)	3
	Natural Science Elective (300 level or above)	3
General Electiv	е	3
	Hours	15
Spring		
	300 level or above)	3
	300 level or above)	3
	300 level or above)	3
	ective (300 level or above)	3
General Electiv		3
	Hours	15
	Minimum Total Hours	121

The Flight Plan outlined above is intended to demonstrate one possible path to completing the degree within four years. Course selection and placement within the program may vary depending on course offerings and schedule, elective preferences, and other factors (study abroad, internship availability, etc.). Please consult your advisor for additional information about building a flight plan that works for you.

Degree Audit Report

Degree Audit reports illustrate how your completed courses fulfill the requirements of your academic plan, and which requirements are still outstanding. Degree audits also take transfer credits and test credits



into account. "What-if" reports allow you to compare the courses you have completed in your current academic plan to the courses required in another academic plan. Should you have questions about either report, please consult with your academic advisor.

Flight Planner

The Flight Planner tool is available for you to create a personalized Flight Plan to graduation. Advisors have access to review your Flight Planner and can help you adjust it to ensure you remain on track to graduate in a timely manner.

To create these reports:

- 1. Log into your ULink account.
- 2. Click on the Academic Progress tile.
- 3. Select the appropriate report.
 - a. To run a Degree Audit report, click on "View my Degree Audit."
 - b. To create a What-if report, click on "What-if Advisement Report."
 - c. To run a Flight Planner report, click on "Use My Flight Planner."

Click here to run a Degree Audit report, create a What-if report, or run a Flight Planner report. (https://ulink.louisville.edu)