LATIN AMERICAN AND LATINO STUDIES (CERT)

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.