

LATIN AMERICAN AND LATINO STUDIES (BA)



Latin American & Latino Studies

This program was approved for students entering the university in the Summer 2022–Spring 2023 catalog year. For more information about catalog year, go to Catalog Year Information (<http://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 promotes an understanding and appreciation for the diverse cultures of Latin America and Latino communities in the United States, with the ultimate objective of preparing students to become 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
	General Education Requirements (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/) ¹	31
	College/School Requirements	22
	Program/Major Requirements ¹	36
	Supporting Courses	32
	Minimum Total Hours	121

¹ 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 Application for Major form can be found on the Arts & Sciences Advising Center website (<http://louisville.edu/artsandsciences/advising/apply/>).

General Education Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
	General Education Requirements (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/) [*]	31

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

LALS 310	Introduction to Latin American Studies
LALS 311	Introduction to Latino Studies

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 or GEN 101	Student Success Center First Year Experience Arts & Sciences First Year Experience	1
	Foreign Language ¹	12
	Electives in Humanities or Natural Sciences ²	9
	WR—two approved courses at the 300 level or above ³	
	Minimum Total Hours	22

Program/Major Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Program in Latin American and Latino Studies		
LALS 310	Introduction to Latin American Studies	3
LALS 311	Introduction to Latino Studies	3
LALS 400	Latin American and Latino Studies Internship	3
<i>Language Requirement</i>		
	Spanish or Portuguese at the 200 level, or demonstration of equivalent language proficiency	3
<i>Humanities</i>		
	Select two of the following:	6
ARTH 342	Selected Topics in Art History	
ARTH 365	Mexican Art and Architecture	
ARTH 542	Special Topics	
ARTH 544	Pan-African Art: Form and Content	
ENGL 369	Minority Traditions in American Literature	
ENGL 373	Women and Global Literature	

ENGL 549	Studies in Post-Colonial and/or Ethnic Literature
ENGL 554	Women's Personal Narratives
HUM 377	African-American Religion
HUM 380	Culture of Iberia-Latin America
HUM 382	Native American Cultures
LALS 200	Exploring Latin America
LALS 313	Panamanian Culture
M L 260	Introduction to Hispanic Culture
M L 313	Special Topics in Language, Literature, or Culture
M L 356	Latin American Literature
SPAN 403	Foundations of Latin American Nations and Identities
SPAN 404	Cultural and Literary Perspectives on Modern Latin America
SPAN 524	Introduction to Hispanic Linguistics
SPAN 527	Latin American Literature: Colonial Period through 19th Century
SPAN 528	Contemporary Spanish-American Theatre
SPAN 529	Spanish-American Poetry
SPAN 530	Spanish-American Narrative
SPAN 554	Hispanic Culture through Film and Media
TA 326	Cultural Diversity in Performance ⁴
TA 365	Theatre of the African World
<i>Social Sciences</i> ^{5,6}	
Select three of the following: 9	
ANTH 325	The Anthropology of Latin America
ANTH 333	Globalizing Inequalities ⁴
ANTH 338	Anthropology of Refugees
ANTH 347	Global Capitalisms
COMM 350	Introduction to Intercultural Communication
GEOG/LALS 510	Urbanism in the Global South: Cities and Space
HIST 331	Colonial Latin America
HIST 332	Latin America, 1820 to Present
HIST 333	Women in Latin American History
HIST 533	Twentieth-Century Latin America ⁴
HIST 534	The U.S. and Latin America ⁴
HIST 535	The History of Mexico: Pre-Columbian to the Present ⁴
LALS 317	Social Sciences Special Topics in Latino Studies
LALS 321	Social Science Special Topics in Latin American Studies
MKT 370	Global Marketing
PAS 206	Introduction to Caribbean Studies
PAS 219	Survey of Brazilian Music
PAS 227	Survey of American Diversity
PAS 247	Language, Protest and Identity
PAS 329	Slave Trade and Slavery
PAS 346	African Languages in the Diaspora
PAS 360	African Diaspora in the Caribbean and Latin America
PAS 392	Faces of Global Poverty ⁴
PAS 396	History of the Caribbean

PAS 505	The Black Atlantic
PAS 510	Advanced Topics in Afro-American and African Studies
PAS 532	Slave Trade and Slavery in the African World
PAS 533	The History and Popular Culture of the African Diaspora
PAS 542	Black Women's Voices ⁴
PAS 547	Language, Race, Class and Gender
PAS 581	Pan-African Art: Form and Content
POLS 315	Race, Law and Politics
POLS 330	International Relations
POLS 331	International Organization ⁴
POLS 332	International Law ⁴
POLS 336	Politics of European Integration and Foreign Policy ⁴
POLS 337	
POLS 370	Comparative Political Development in Latin America
POLS 371	Latin America in the World
POLS 495	Senior Seminar ⁴
POLS 506	Topics in International Relations
POLS 530	International Negotiation
POLS 563	Women in Developing Countries ⁴
SOC 210	Race in the United States
SOC 323	Diversity and Inequality
SOC 392	Faces of Global Poverty ⁴
SOC 454	Social Inequality & Stratification ⁴
SOC 464	Race and Ethnicity ⁴
SW 303	Generalist Practice I
SW 472	Practicum Seminar and Lab I
SW 473	Practicum Seminar and Lab II
WGST 333	Women in Latin American History
WGST 343	Faces of Global Poverty ⁴
WGST 520	Women's Personal Narratives
WGST 558	Women in Developing Countries ⁴
WGST 593	Topics in Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies: Humanities
LALS Electives at the 300 level or above ⁷ 9	

Minimum Total Hours 36

Code	Title	Hours
Supporting Courses		
Social Science Electives at the 300 level or above ^{8,9}		6
Humanities Electives at the 300 level or above ^{8,9}		6
Minimum Electives ¹⁰		20
Minimum Total Hours		32

Code	Title	Hours
 Culminating Undergraduate Experience (Graduation requirement)		
Requirement fulfilled by completing:		
LALS 400	Latin American and Latino Studies Internship	

¹ Completion of the intermediate level of a single foreign language

- ² In addition to courses counted toward General Education; 6 hours must be at 300 level or above
- ³ May be incorporated into other degree requirements
- ⁴ Fulfills WR requirement
- ⁵ 6 of the 9 hours must be at the 300 level or above
- ⁶ Students also completing a second major in any of the areas listed below may use no more than 6 hours in that Department to fulfill this LALS requirement.
- ⁷ Select three courses from above not used to meet the Humanities or Social Science requirements
- ⁸ Other than LALS courses, in addition to courses used to complete the College Programmatic Requirements
- ⁹ Substitutions may be approved by the LALS Director. 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.
- ¹⁰ 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	Selected Topics in Art History	3
ARTH 542	Special Topics	3
COMM 510	Special Topics in Communication Studies	1-3
HIST 310	Studies in History	3
HIST 503	Advanced Studies in History	3
HON 336	Honors Seminar in Humanities	3
HON 436	Honors Seminar in Humanities	3
HON 446	Honors Seminar in Social Sciences	3
HUM 562	Selected Topics	3
M L 551	Special Topics	3
SPAN 313	Special Topics in Spanish Culture, Literature and Linguistics	3
SPAN 499	Special Topics in Spanish Culture, Literature and Linguistics	3
SPAN 599	Special Topics	3
TA 555	Special Topics in Theatre	1-3

Flight Plan

Year 1		Hours
Fall		
GEN 100 or GEN 101	Student Success Center First Year Experience or Arts & Sciences First Year Experience	1
ENGL 101	Introduction to College Writing	3
General Education: Cardinal Core Quantitative Reasoning - QR		3
Spanish or Portuguese Language I		4
General Elective		3
Hours		14
Spring		
ENGL 102	Intermediate College Writing	3
General Education: Cardinal Core Natural Sciences with Lab - B		3
General Education: Cardinal Core Arts & Humanities - AH		3
Spanish or Portuguese Language II		4
General Elective		3
Hours		16

Year 2		
Fall		
General Education: Cardinal Core Arts & Humanities - AH		3
General Education: Cardinal Core Social & Behavioral Sciences Historical Perspective - SBH		3
General Education: Cardinal Core Oral Communication - OC		3
Spanish or Portuguese Language III		4
LALS 310	Introduction to Latin American Studies	3
Hours		16
Spring		
General Education: Cardinal Core Natural Sciences - S		3
Humanities or Natural Science Elective		3
General Elective		3
Spanish or Portuguese Language (200 level)		3
LALS 311	Introduction to Latino Studies	3
Hours		15
Year 3		
Fall		
Humanities or Natural Science Elective (300 level or above)		3
Social Science LALS Elective		3
Humanities LALS Elective		3
General Elective		3
WR General Elective (300 level or above)		3
Hours		15
Spring		
Social Science LALS Elective (300 level or above)		3
Humanities LALS Elective		3
Social Science Elective (300 level or above)		3
Humanities Elective (300 level or above)		3
General Elective		3
Hours		15
Year 4		
Fall		
LALS 400	Latin American and Latino Studies Internship	3
Social Science Elective (300 level or above)		3
Social Science LALS Elective (300 level or above)		3
Humanities or Natural Science Elective (300 level or above)		3
General Elective		3
Hours		15
Spring		
LALS Elective (300 level or above)		3
LALS Elective (300 level or above)		3
LALS Elective (300 level or above)		3
Humanities Elective (300 level or above)		3
General Elective		3
Hours		15
Minimum Total Hours		121

Degree Audit Report

Degree Audit reports illustrate how your completed courses fulfill the requirements of your academic plan. 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.

To create either report:

1. Log into your ULink account.
2. Click on the Academic Progress tile.
3. Next, click on "View my Degree Audit" to run a Degree Audit report in the Undergraduate Advising area.

4. To create a What-if report, click on "Create a What-if Advisement Report."

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

Flight Planner

Based on your major, the Flight Planner tool may be available for you to create a personalized Flight Plan. The Flight Planner can be found in the ULink Student Center. Consult with your advisor for assistance with the Flight Planner.