

# Latin American Studies

In the College of Arts and Letters

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## Faculty

Latin American studies is administered by the Latin American Studies Committee. Faculty assigned to teach courses in Latin American studies are drawn from Anthropology, Art, Design and Art History, Chicana and Chicano Studies, Communication, Comparative Literature, Economics, Geography, History, Political Science, Public Administration and Urban Studies, Sociology, Spanish and Portuguese Languages and Literatures, Women's Studies; and the College of Business Administration.

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## Offered by Latin American Studies

Master of Arts degree in Latin American studies.

Major in Latin American studies with the B.A. degree in liberal arts and sciences.

Minor in Latin American studies.

## The Major

The major in Latin American studies is a multidisciplinary program designed to provide an effective understanding of the cultures and governments of Latin America, offering basic education and training for business or professional careers that require specialized knowledge of this exciting and diverse area of the world.

A major in Latin American studies provides a multitude of career opportunities. Employment possibilities exist not only in Latin America, but throughout the world. Graduates can apply their specialization to service in international organizations and government positions at the federal or state level. Numerous employment situations can be found in the private sector. Private agencies and corporations have significant interests in Latin America and are looking for area specialists. Those students who wish to continue in their studies will find opportunities in teaching at all levels. A major in Latin American studies opens many avenues in the choice of a career.

High school students preparing to enter this program should include in the high school course of study not less than three years of study in one foreign language, preferably Spanish or Portuguese. Proficiency in either of these languages is indispensable to a successful career in this area of study.

## Advising

All College of Arts and Letters majors are urged to consult with their department adviser as soon as possible. Students are required to meet with their department adviser within the first two semesters after declaration or change of major.

## Latin American Studies Major

**With the B.A. Degree in Liberal Arts and Sciences**  
**(Major Code: 03081)**

All candidates for a degree in liberal arts and sciences must complete the graduation requirements listed in the section of this catalog on "Graduation Requirements."

A minor is not required with this major.

**Preparation for the Major.** Portuguese 101, 201, and 301 or Spanish 101, 102, 103, 202, 211, 212 (13-22 units); 12 units selected from Anthropology 102, Economics 101 and 102, Geography 102, History 115, 116, Latin American Studies 101, Political Science 101 and 103.

**Foreign Language Requirement.** The foreign language requirement is automatically fulfilled through preparation for the major.

**Upper Division Writing Requirement.** Passing the University Writing Examination or completing one of the approved writing courses with a grade of C (2.0) or better.

**Major.** A minimum of 36 upper division units selected from courses in anthropology, art, Chicana and Chicano studies, economics, geography, history, Latin American studies, political science, Portuguese, sociology, Spanish, and women's studies, with not less than 12 units in one field and nine in each of two other fields. At least 33 units must be in courses having Latin American content.

**Courses acceptable for the Latin American studies major include:**

Latin American Studies 495, 498, 530, 531, 560, 575, 580; Anthropology 442\*, 508\*, 582\*, 583\*\*; Art 557\*, 577\*; Chicana and Chicano Studies 306, 310, 335, 340, 350A, 355, 375, 376, 380, 498; Communication 591\*; Comparative Literature 445, 561\*, 562\*, 563\*, 571\*, 594\*; Economics 336, 360, 365, 464, 561\*, 565, 592\*; English 501, 502; Geography 323, 324, 498\*, 507, 509, 545\*, 554\*; History 415, 416, 444, 550, 551, 552, 554, 555, 556, 558, 559; Political Science 361, 531, 555, 560, 566, 567\*, 568, 577; Portuguese 535\*; Public Administration and Urban Studies 580\*; Sociology 350, 450\*, 522\*, 527\*; Spanish 341\*, 342\*, 406A-406B\*, 515\*, 520\*; Television, Film, and New Media 363\*, 562\*; Women's Studies 310, 515\*, 521\*, 522\*, 530\*, 536\*, 553\*, 565\*, 580\*, 596.

Courses numbered 496, 499, and 596 of relevant content in the above departments may be used for the Latin American studies major.

\* Indicates course with prerequisites not included in requirements listed above.

\* Acceptable when of relevant content.

## Latin American Studies Major

**(Imperial Valley Campus)**

**With the B.A. Degree in Liberal Arts and Sciences**  
**(Major Code: 03081)**

At the Imperial Valley campus the major in Latin American studies is essentially the same as the Latin American studies major offered at the San Diego campus.

It is designed to provide (1) a foundation of understanding of the history, culture and governments of the countries of Latin America

and the multiple interrelationships among those countries; and (2) a basic education and training for a business or professional career involving understanding of Latin America.

A minor is not required with this major.

**Preparation for the Major.** The lower division preparation for the major can be fulfilled by taking the following courses at a community college, or their equivalent: elementary Spanish; intermediate Spanish or bilingual Spanish; intermediate conversational Spanish or bilingual oral Spanish; advanced conversational Spanish; and 12 units selected from cultural anthropology, cultural geography, history of the Americas, introduction to political science, comparative politics, and civilization of Spanish America and Brazil.

A minimum grade point average of 2.0 is required for all work attempted.

**Foreign Language Requirement.** The foreign language requirement for graduation is automatically fulfilled through coursework for preparation for the major.

**Upper Division Writing Requirement.** Passing the University Writing Examination or completing one of the approved writing courses with a grade of C (2.0) or better.

**Major.** A minimum of 36 upper division units selected from the courses listed below with not less than 12 units in one field and nine in two other fields. At least 33 units must be in courses having Latin American content: Anthropology 442; Art 496 (when relevant); Chicana and Chicano Studies 335, 350A, 376; Economics 365, 464, 496 (when relevant); Geography 323, 324, 496 (when relevant); History 415, 416, 496 (when relevant), 550, 551, 552, 558; Political Science 566, 567, 568; Sociology 350, 450; Spanish 406A-406B, 515; Women's Studies 310 (when relevant).

### Latin American Studies Minor\*

The minor in Latin American studies consists of a minimum of 15 units of Latin American content courses. At least 12 of these units must consist of upper division courses. In addition, students must complete Spanish 103 or Portuguese 101 or the equivalent. No more than six units may be drawn from any one department's or program's offerings. Units may be selected from among the following:

Latin American Studies 101, 495, 498, 530, 531, 560, 575, 580; Anthropology 442, 582 (when relevant); Chicana and Chicano Studies 306, 310, 335, 340, 350A, 355, 375, 376, 380, 498; Comparative Literature 445; Economics 336, 360, 365, 464, 565, 592; Geography 323, 324; History 115, 116, 415, 416, 444, 550, 551, 552, 554, 555, 556, 558, 559; Music 596; Political Science 361, 566, 567, 568, 577; Portuguese 535; Public Administration 580 (when relevant); Sociology 350 (when relevant), 450 (when relevant), 555; Spanish 341\*, 342\*, 406A-406B, 515, 520; Television, Film, and New Media 363 (when relevant), 562; Women's Studies 310 (when relevant), 580 (when relevant).

Courses numbered 496, 499, and 596 of relevant content in the above departments may be used for the Latin American studies minor.

Courses in the minor may not be counted toward the major, but may be used to satisfy preparation for the major and general education requirements, if applicable. A minimum of six upper division units must be completed in residence at San Diego State University. In designing their Latin American studies programs for a minor, students may not include courses drawn from their major department.

\* Additional prerequisites may be required for courses in the minor.

## Courses (LATAM)

### LOWER DIVISION COURSE

#### 101. Latin American Heritage (3)

Introduction to Latin American cultures and peoples from an interdisciplinary perspective.

### UPPER DIVISION COURSES (Intended for Undergraduates)

#### 495. Latin American Studies Internship (3) Cr/NC I, II

Prerequisite: Six upper division units in Latin American content courses.

Opportunity for Latin American studies undergraduates to implement area specialist skills. Placement with a local organization with legal, commercial, or social service functions whose activities are primarily Latin American related.

#### 496. Experimental Topics (1-4)

Selected topics. May be repeated with new content. See Class Schedule for specific content. Limit of nine units of any combination of 296, 496, 596 courses applicable to a bachelor's degree.

#### 498. Seminar on Latin America (3)

Exploration of the interdisciplinary approach to Latin America including evaluation of relevant resources and methods. Taught by a team of instructors representing two or more disciplines.

#### 499. Special Study (1-3)

Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.  
Individual study. Maximum credit six units.

### UPPER DIVISION COURSES (Also Acceptable for Advanced Degrees)

#### 530. Civilization and Culture of Pre-Columbian America (3)

Prerequisite: Upper division standing.

Indigenous cultures of U.S./Mexico border region, Mexico, Central America from a multidisciplinary perspective. Geographical, religious, political, economic, and social realities.

#### 531. Visual Representation of Latin American Culture (3)

Prerequisite: Upper division standing.

Latin American civilization and culture from the Encounter to present. Visual expressions of culture including rituals, ceremonies and festivals, examined from a multi-disciplinary perspective.

#### 560. Latin America After World War II (3)

Prerequisites: Latin American Studies 101; History 115, 116; and Political Science 566.

Major socioeconomic and political changes in Latin America since World War II and inter-American relations during the same period. May be repeated with new content. See Class Schedule for specific content. Maximum credit six units.

#### 575. Art and Culture in the U.S./Mexico Border Region (3)

Prerequisite: Upper division standing.

Settlement and culture along the U.S./Mexican border seen through a multi-disciplinary study of art, architecture, artists, and patronage.

#### 576. Frida Kahlo and Her Circle: Mexican Artists and the Challenge of Modernity (3)

Prerequisite: Upper division standing.

Work and life of Frida Kahlo, her influence on artists and thinkers who shared her world, and influence she continues to have on art of Mexico and the U.S.

#### 580. Special Topics (1-4)

Prerequisite: Six upper division units in Latin American content courses.

Interdisciplinary study of selected Latin American topics. Credit will vary depending on the scope and nature of the topic. Whenever appropriate, the course will be taught by a team of instructors representing two or more disciplines. May be repeated with different content. See Class Schedule for specific content. Maximum credit eight units.