

LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES

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Loyola University Chicago's College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) offers undergraduates a comprehensive liberal arts education that introduces them to various disciplines and viewpoints in the natural sciences, social sciences, and humanities. CAS students develop valuable career and life skills, including critical thinking, strong verbal and writing abilities, comprehensive general knowledge, social awareness, and research competencies. As the largest of Loyola's 10 schools, CAS has extensive resources, providing students with modern labs and electronic classrooms, opportunities to participate actively in research, and a distinguished faculty of teacher-scholars.

Recent growth and renovation at both Loyola's Lake Shore and Water Tower Campuses have enhanced living and learning for students. Recent additions to the Lake Shore Campus include the Norville Center for Intercollegiate Athletics, a state-of-the-art facility that includes a new strength and conditioning center, a sports medicine facility, student athlete activity spaces, and offices for athletics administrators. Future enhancements include a new student union and academic building, among others.

For more information about what's new at Loyola, visit

» [LUC.edu/undergrad/whatsnew](https://luc.edu/undergrad/whatsnew).



Picturesque Lake Shore Campus, situated on the shore of Lake Michigan and located on Chicago's North Side, is home to more than 3,400 undergraduate resident students.

THE PROGRAM

With the Jesuit holistic approach to learning as its foundation, students in Loyola University Chicago's interdisciplinary Latin American Studies Program (LASP) examine Latin American heritage, history, institutions, ideas, languages, literatures, and customs through the lens of an intellectual, moral, and ethical framework.

Students gain appreciation for the cultural diversity of Latin America by studying several disciplines such as anthropology, communication, fine arts, history, modern languages and literatures, philosophy, political science, and theology. Students also develop knowledge about key Latin American issues, including social injustice, *mestizaje*, neocolonialism, political oppression, grassroots movements, popular culture, and resistance.

Latin Americans and Latinos influence culture, education, politics, media, and the work force in the U.S. and around the world. Therefore, an understanding of Latin America is beneficial for professionals in business, communication, education, government service, journalism, law, medicine, pastoral studies, social work, and the arts.



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Requirements

The minor in Latin American Studies requires six courses (18 credit hours), including LASP 101 and 395, four LASP electives, and the fulfillment of a language requirement.

The work done to satisfy the language requirement does not count toward the 18 credit hours. Students can elect a specialization in the humanities or social sciences. No more than two electives may be chosen from the same department.

The language requirement can be satisfied in one of three ways:

- Successful completion of the Spanish (SPAN) 101–102 sequence in the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures.
- Successful completion of at least two years of high school instruction in Spanish, whether in the United States or abroad.
- Successful completion of a Spanish language examination or the equivalent administered by the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures, demonstrating eligibility for coursework at the 103 (intermediate) level.

Course Offerings

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LASP 101 Introduction to Latin American Studies
(International Studies, INTS 201)

LASP 395 Capstone

The following is a list of courses cross-listed with Latin American studies and other departments and programs. Special-topic courses in other departments are also cross-listed with Latin American studies when appropriate.

ANTHROPOLOGY (ANTH)

ANTH 211 Peoples of Latin America (INTS 211; Religion, Culture, and Society, RCS, 211)

ANTH 217 Mexican Culture and Heritage (INTS 217)

ANTH 242 Mesoamerican Archaeology (LASP 216)

ANTH 360 Mexican Gulf Coast Archaeology (variable topic)

COMMUNICATION (CMUN)

CMUN 324 Latin American Cinema (variable topic)

CMUN 337 Rhetoric of Social Change: Agitation and Resistance

FINE ARTS (FNAR)

FNAR 351 Pre-Columbian Art of Middle and South America
(ANTH 344, INTS 385)

FNAR 352 Mexican Art and Archaeology I

FNAR 353 Mexican Art and Archaeology II

HISTORY (HIST)

HIST 352 Colonial Latin America

HIST 353 Latin American Independence: 1750–1830

HIST 354 Latin America in the Nineteenth Century

HIST 355 Latin America in Recent Times (INTS 389)

HIST 356 The Caribbean and Central America in Colonial and Modern Times (INTS 380)

HIST 357 Mexican History from Ancient to Modern Times
(INTS 379)

HIST 358 Women in Latin American History (Women's Studies and Gender Studies, WSGS 385; INTS 368)

HIST 359 Inter-American Relations (INTS 359; Peace Studies, PAX 359)

HIST 375 The Mexican Revolution in Popular Imagination

INTERNATIONAL FILM AND MEDIA STUDIES (IFMS)

IFMS 201 Media Theory and Criticism (variable topic)

MODERN LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES

Literature in Translation (LITR) (In English; fulfills the literature core requirement)

LITR 286 Latin American Literature (INTS 286; variable topic)

- Contemporary Latin American Novel
- Hispanic Novel
- Masterpieces of Latin American Literature
- Brazilian Masterpieces
- Women in Latin American Literature

SPANISH (SPAN)

SPAN 370 Latin American Poetry

SPAN 372 Masterpieces of Latin American Literature

SPAN 380 Latin American Prose Fiction

SPAN 381 Contemporary Latin American Novel (INTS 383)

SPAN 385 Caribbean Literature

SPAN 389 Latin American Short Story

SPAN 390 Hispanic Culture and Civilization (INTS 397)

SPAN 397 Topics in Hispanic Literature

POLITICAL SCIENCE (PLSC)

PLSC 341 Comparative Politics

PLSC 343 Latin American Politics (INTS 343)

PLSC 344 Contemporary Issues in Latin America (INTS 344)

PLSC 351 Latin America in the International System
(INTS 395, LASP 341)

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Study Abroad

The College of Arts and Sciences has a cooperative study program with the Universidad Iberoamericana, a Jesuit university in Mexico City, which may be of particular interest to students with minors in Latin American studies. Additional study abroad programs are available in 34 countries, including Argentina, Chile, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, and more. For additional information, visit the Office for International Programs Web site at LUC.edu/oip.

Faculty

Eleven full-time faculty members from different academic departments contribute to the LASP faculty. Each faculty member has a PhD and is considered an expert in his or her field.

Program Director: Elizabeth M. Lozano, PhD, Ohio University

Philip J. Arnold III, PhD, University of New Mexico

Dina M. Berger, PhD, University of Arizona

Susana Cavallo, PhD, University of Chicago

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Maria Vidal de Haymes, PhD, Ohio State University

Core Curriculum

- Focuses on desired knowledge, skills, and values in addition to academic disciplines.
- Includes 45 credit hours of coursework, developing important skills through 10 required areas of knowledge:
 - Important skills include communication, critical thinking, ethical awareness, information literacy, quantitative and qualitative analysis, research methods, and technological literacy.
 - Required areas include college writing seminar(s), artistic knowledge and experience, historical knowledge, literary knowledge, scientific literacy, societal and cultural knowledge, philosophical knowledge, theological and religious studies, and ethics.
- “Values Across the Curriculum” requirements:
 - 12 credit hours completed through the Core, major, or electives, focusing on:
 - Understanding and promoting justice
 - Understanding diversity in the United States and the world
 - Understanding spirituality or faith in action in the world
 - Promoting civic engagement or leadership
 - Makes up about one-third of a student’s Loyola academic experience, complemented by the major and electives.
 - Incorporates great flexibility with myriad courses from which to choose for each required area. Courses may be completed at any time during a student’s Loyola education.
 - For more information, please visit
» LUC.edu/core

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