Latin American Studies (B.A.)

College of Arts and Humanities

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Admission Requirements

■ None

Degree Requirements

■ Students who change degree programs and select this major must adopt the most current catalog.
■ Co-op or internship credit cannot be used in this major without previous approval by the program director.
■ Students must earn at least a “C” (2.0) in each required course.
■ Students should consult with the program director or advisor.
■ Program Residency Requirement consists of at least 18 semester hours of regularly scheduled 3000-4000 level courses taken at UCF.
■ Courses designated in 1 (General Ed Program) and 2 (Common Program Prerequisites) are usually completed in the first 60 hours.

1. UCF General Education Program (GEP) (36 hrs)
   A: Communication Foundations (9 hrs)
   Prefer COM 1000 Introduction to Communication 3 hrs

2. Common Program Prerequisites (CPP)
   ■ None

3. Core Requirements: Basic Level (3 hrs)
   LAS 3002 Topics in Latin American Studies 3 hrs

4. Core Requirements: Advanced Level (12 hrs)
   GEA 4405 Geography of Latin America 3 hrs
   LAH 3200 Modern Latin America 3 hrs
   LAH 3101 Latin American Popular Culture 3 hrs
   LAH 4023 African Caribbean Experience 3 hrs

5. Restricted Electives (21 hrs)
   ■ Restricted electives are divided into two areas of emphasis. Students must take a minimum of 12 credit hours in the first area of emphasis and 9 additional credit hours in the second area of emphasis as detailed below.
   ■ Students may not use more than 9 credit hours of courses with the same prefix within the first area of emphasis or more than 6 credit hours of courses with the same prefix within the second area of emphasis.
   ■ Note that this is not an exhaustive list of course options. Other courses with a focus on either Latin America or the Caribbean can be accepted with prior written authorization from the Program Director.

   Area One: 12 hrs

   Anthropology
   ANT 3160 Americas Before Columbus 3 hrs
   ANT 3161 Ancient Mexico: Aztec to Zapotec 3 hrs
   ANT 3163 Mesoamerican Archaeology 3 hrs
   ANT 3164 Ancient Incas 3 hrs
   ANT 3165 Archaeology of South America 3 hrs
   ANT 3168 Maya Archaeology 3 hrs
   ANT 3319 Slavery, Resistance, and Cultural Dynamics Among African People in the Americas 3 hrs
   ANT 3330 Anthropology of the Amazon 3 hrs
   ANT 4266 Economic Anthropology: Production, Consumption, and Exchange 3 hrs
   ANT 4340 Caribbean Cultures 3 hrs
   ALT 3177 Archaeology of Caribbean Piracy 3 hrs
   ANT 4332 People and Cultures of Latin America 3 hrs

   History
   LAH 3130 Latin American History I 3 hrs
   LAH 3400 History of Mexico and Central America 3 hrs
   LAH 3470 History of the Caribbean 3 hrs
   LAH 4136 Colonial Florida 3 hrs
   LAH 4512 Modern Argentina 3 hrs
   LAH 4461 History of Puerto Rico 3 hrs
   LAH 4480 History of Cuba 3 hrs
   LAH 4742 The Mexican Revolution 3 hrs
   LAH 4780 Poverty and Development in Latin America 3 hrs

   Spanish and Spanish Literature
   ■ Students can choose from the extensive listing of upper level SPN and SPW courses. The student should give preference to those courses related to Latin American culture and civilization. No more than six (6) hours can overlap between the LAS major and the minor.

   Area Two: 9 hrs
   ■ (Select no more than 6 credit hours of courses with the same prefix)

   Art History
   ARH 2051 History of Western Art II 3 hrs
   ARH 2073 20th Century Latin American Art 3 hrs
   ARH 3673 Modern Art of Mexico 3 hrs
   ARH 3674 Latin American Popular Visual Culture 3 hrs
   ARH 4653 Meso American Art 3 hrs

   English
   AML 3615 Harlem, Haiti, and Havana 3 hrs
   AML 3862 Ethnic Literature in America 3 hrs
   AML 4630 Latino/Latina Literature 3 hrs
   LIT 3192 Caribbean Literature 3 hrs
   LIT 3381 Women Writers of Color 3 hrs
   LIT 3823 Hispanic Women Writers 3 hrs
   LIT 3368 Magical Realism in Literature 3 hrs

   Humanities
   HUM 3460 Latin American Humanities 3 hrs

   International Relations
   INR 4243 International Politics of Latin America 3 hrs
   INR 4074 Immigration Policy 3 hrs
   INR 4076 Global Drug Policy 3 hrs

   Latin American Studies
   ■ See LAS Advisor for offerings.

   Politics
   CPO 3034 Politics of Developing Areas 3 hrs
   CPO 3103 Comparative Politics 3 hrs
   CPO 4074 Political Economy 3 hrs
   CPO 4794 Indigenous Politics and the Environment 3 hrs
   CPO 4303 Comparative Latin American Politics 3 hrs

   Public Policy
   PUP 3314 Minorities in American Politics 3 hrs

6. Capstone Requirements

■ Required Experiential Learning (capstone experience, 0 - 3 hrs): Students are required to complete a study or work experience in Latin American Studies. This may be fulfilled through participation in any one of the following:
1. A formal study-abroad program on Latin America of at least 45 contact hours equaling three (3) hours of academic credit or a Program Director approved program in the United States or its territories with Hispanic populations. Up to three (3) hours of academic Independent Study, and/or Internship credit is available with Program Director’s prior approval.

2. Students may also elect to complete three hours of upper division credit in an indigenous language such as Yucatec Maya, Nahuatl, or Quechua. As the latter languages are currently not taught at UCF, interested students would need to enroll in an off-campus program.

3. At the discretion of the Program Director, prior life, study, or work experience may be considered as satisfying this experiential learning requirement.

7. Foreign Language Requirements
   Admissions
   ■ Foreign Language Requirement: (0 - 14 hrs)
   ■ LAS majors will have a proficiency equivalent to four semesters of college instruction in a single foreign language taught by the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures. Spanish or Portuguese preferred, although other Latin American languages may be acceptable with prior written consent of the LAS program director. Standardized examinations for foreign languages may be used to meet the requirement.

8. Electives
   ■ Variable
   ■ Select primarily from upper level courses after meeting with the program advisor. Courses may be outside the department.

9. Additional Requirements
   ■ None

10. Required Minors
   ■ Required Minor: 18 hrs (minimum)
   ■ LAS majors cannot minor in Latin American Studies. A second major can satisfy the minor requirement with prior consent of Program Director. The LAS minor will continue to be available to non-LAS majors.
   ■ Students will select a minor in consultation with the LAS Program Director or advisor. No more than six (6) hours can overlap between the major and the minor.

11. Departmental Exit Requirements
   ■ None

12. University Minimum Exit Requirements
   ■ A 2.0 UCF GPA
   ■ 60 semester hours earned after CLEP awarded
   ■ 48 semester hours of upper division credit completed
   ■ 30 of the last 39 hours of course work must be completed in residence at UCF.
   ■ A maximum of 45 hours of extension, correspondence, CLEP, Credit by Exam, and Armed Forces credits permitted.
   ■ Complete the General Education Program, the Gordon Rule, and nine hours of Summer credit.

Total Semester Hours Required
■ 120

Honors In Major
■ None

Related Programs
■ Anthropology
■ History
■ Political Science
■ Modern Language Combination
■ Art - History Track
■ Interdisciplinary Studies

Certificates
■ None

Related Minors
■ Students will select a minor in consultation with the LAS Program Director. No more than six (6) hours can overlap between the major and the minor.

Advising Notes
■ None

Transfer Notes
■ Lower division courses do not substitute for upper division courses.
■ Courses transferred from private and out-of-state schools must be evaluated for equivalency credit. The student must provide all supporting information.

Acceptable Substitutes for Transfer Courses
■ None

Plan of Study

Freshman Year - Fall
   ENC 1101 Composition I 3 hrs
   STA 1063C Basic Statistics Using Microsoft Excel 3 hrs
   ANT 2000 General Anthropology 3 hrs
   SPN 1120C Elementary Spanish Language and Civilization I 4 hrs
   Total Semester Hours 13 hrs

Freshman Year - Spring
   ENC 1102 Composition II 3 hrs
   MGF 1106 Finite Mathematics 3 hrs
   POS 2041 American National Government 3 hrs
   SPN 1121C Elementary Spanish Language and Civilization II 4 hrs
   Total Semester Hours 13 hrs

Freshman Year - Summer
   Elective 3 hrs
   Elective 3 hrs
   Total Semester Hours 6 hrs

Sophomore Year - Fall
   COM 1000 Introduction to Communication 3 hrs
   SPN 2200 Intermediate Spanish Language and Civilization I 3 hrs
   GEP Course in Cultural & Historical Foundations from B.1 3 hrs
   GEP Course in Science Foundation 3 hrs
   Total Semester Hours 12 hrs

Sophomore Year - Spring
   ARH 2050 History of Western Art I 3 hrs
   GEP Course in Cultural & Historical Foundations From B.1 3 hrs
   GEP Course in Science Foundation 3 hrs
   LAS 3002 Topics in Latin American Studies 3 hrs
   Total Semester Hours 15 hrs

Sophomore Year - Summer
   LAS 3955 Study Abroad 1 hr
   Elective 3 hrs
   Elective 3 hrs
   Total Semester Hours 4 hrs

Junior Year - Fall
   GEA 4405 Geography of Latin America 3 hrs
   Two courses from first area of emphasis 6 hrs
   LAS 4023 African Caribbean Experience 3 hrs
   Total Semester Hours 12 hrs

Junior Year - Spring
   LAH 3200 Modern Latin America 3 hrs
   One course from second area of emphasis 3 hrs
   One course from first area of emphasis 3 hrs
   LAS 3101 Latin American Popular Culture 3 hrs
   Total Semester Hours 12 hrs

Junior Year - Summer
   Elective 3 hrs
   Elective 3 hrs
   Total Semester Hours 6 hrs

Senior Year - Fall
   One course from first area of emphasis 3 hrs
   One course from second area of emphasis 3 hrs
   Course in Minor 3 hrs
   Course in Minor 3 hrs
   Total Semester Hours 12 hrs

Senior Year - Spring
   One course from second area of emphasis 3 hrs
   LAS 4906 Directed Independent Study 1 hr
   Course in Minor 3 hrs
   Course in Minor 3 hrs
   Total Semester Hours 10 hrs

Senior Year - Summer
   Elective 3 hrs
   Elective 3 hrs
   Total Semester Hours 6 hrs

Program Academic Learning Compacts
■ Program Academic Learning Compacts (student learning outcomes) for undergraduate programs are located at: http://www.o eas.ucf.edu/academiclearningcompacts.html