The Latin American and Latino Studies Program explores the broad dynamics shaping Latin American and Latino experiences and cultural contributions. This interdisciplinary program draws courses and insights from the fields of history, geography, political science, religious studies, sociology, anthropology, modern languages, and international studies. Students interested in a wide range of work requiring multicultural skills, like education, law, social work, community organizing, and business, would benefit from coursework in this program. The Latin American and Latino Studies Programs also serve to deepen Latino students' awareness of their cultural heritage.

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LIBERAL STUDIES PROGRAM
In addition to the 32 quarter hours required in the liberal studies core, students are required to complete 52 quarter hours distributed through six learning domains as part of their Bachelor of Arts degree in Latin American and Latino Studies. The number and distribution of courses in each of the areas are as follows:

**Core:** 32 quarter hours required
- **First Year Program:** (20 quarter hours required) Discover Chicago or Explore Chicago, Focal Point Seminar, Quantitative Reasoning, and Composition and Rhetoric I and II.
- **Sophomore Seminar:** (4 quarter hours required) Sophomore Seminar on Multiculturalism in the United States
- **Junior Year Experiential Learning:** (4 quarter hours required) If your junior year experiential learning requirement also fulfills a major field requirement, you may substitute a liberal studies domain elective (from outside your major field area) or the third course in the modern language option for this requirement.
- **Senior Capstone:** (4 quarter hours required) Latin American and Latino Studies requires that all students majoring in Latin American and Latino Studies complete the senior capstone in Latin American and Latino Studies. If you are double majoring and/or in the Honors program you must also follow the capstone guidelines for that area.

**Arts and Literature:** 12 quarter hours required. At most 2 courses from the same department or program.
- **Philosophical Inquiry:** 8 quarter hours required.
- **Religious Dimensions:** 8 quarter hours required; 4 quarter hours in patterns and problems, and 4 quarter hours in traditions in context.
- **Scientific Inquiry:** 12 quarter hours required; 4 quarter hours with a lab component, 4 quarter hours with a quantitative component, and 4 quarter hours scientific inquiry elective.

**Self, Society and the Modern World:** 8 quarter hours required. At most 2 courses from the same department or program.

**Understanding the Past:** 4 quarter hours required; course must focus on a category outside of Latin America.

Although study in Latin American and Latino Studies contributes to a student's liberal education, courses offered by the department of Latin American Studies are not applied towards liberal studies requirements for the Latin American and Latino Studies major. Exceptions to this rule are the junior experiential learning and the senior capstone requirements.

In addition, students who need to complete the three-course intermediate Spanish language sequence prerequisite (see below) for the Latin American and Latino Studies major may substitute the sequence for two domain courses and one open elective. The option reduces the requirements by one course among two of the following combinations of learning domains: Philosophical Inquiry or Religious Dimensions; Understanding the Past or Self, Society, and the Modern World; Arts and Literature or Scientific Inquiry (cannot substitute for the lab science requirement).

**Program Requirements**

### Standard Concentration

During the sophomore year, students in this major should take the following three courses: Latin American and Latino Studies 200 Founding Myths and Cultural Conquest in Latin America; 201 Social Diversity in Latin America; 202 Multiculturalism
in the United States: The Construction of Latino Communities. Some sections of LST 200 and 201 will be offered in English; others will be offered in Spanish. Majors who have completed the Spanish language sequence through the 200 level are encouraged to take these courses in Spanish.

In the senior year, students in this major should take Latin American and Latino Studies 390 Senior Seminar.

SPANISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT
Majors must complete at least two 200-level Spanish courses. For majors whose Spanish language skills place them beyond the 200-level, a minimum of two 300-level Spanish courses is required. Students who need to complete the three-course intermediate Spanish language sequence prerequisite for the major may substitute the sequence for two Liberal Studies domain courses and one open elective.

ELECTIVES
In addition to the core courses and Spanish requirement, majors choose another six elective courses. In selecting courses, students are encouraged to concentrate in one of four areas: Latin American History, Contemporary Issues in Latin America, the US Latino Community, and Latin American Cultural Expression. Students should choose their six elective courses in consultation with an adviser.

Elective courses approved for the major include any of the remaining courses offered by the Latin American and Latino Studies Program plus the following courses in other fields:

- Art 336 Mexican Art
- Comparative Literature 312 Literature of Identity: Hispanic Women Writers; 312 Literature of Identity: Border Cultures; 313 Feminist Literature: Hispanic/Latina Women Writers
- Education 258 Education and Social Justice: Latinos in Education
- English 369 Topics in American Literature: Latina/Latino Literature
- Geography 326 Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean: Physical, Economic and Cultural Contrasts; 327 South America: Physical, Economic and Cultural Contrasts
- History 118 Introduction to the History of Latin America; 204 Film and Latin American History; 262 Themes in Latin American History; 304 Ethnohistory; 305 Exploration and Conquest of the Americas; 306 Colonial Latin America: Power and Development of a Multiracial Society; 307 Independence and Nationalism: The Making of Modern Latin America; 309 Mexico: Evolution and Revolution; 310 Inter-American Affairs; 311 From Columbus to Castro: The History of the Caribbean; 312 Latinos in the United States; 314 The Cuban Revolution; 329 Special Topics in History: Latin American History; 377 Caribbean Migrations to the United States
- International Studies 203 International Movements in the 20th Century (Spanish Version); 350 Latin American Area Studies I; 351 Latin American Area Studies II; 364 Topics in International Political Economy: Latin American Survey
- Political Science 244 Latin American-United States Relations; 252 Latin American Politics; 325 Latino Political Empowerment; 328 Topics in American Politics: Ethnic and Foreign Policy; 339 Topics in Political Thought: Latin American Political Thought
- Religious Studies 202 Ethical Worlds: War and Justice in El Salvador; 351 Liberation Theology; 360 History, Myth and Religion in Preconquest Mesoamerica
- Sociology 311 Sociology of Latino Cultures; 344 Political Sociology: Revolutions and Peasant Rebellion
- Spanish 303 Latin American Literature and Culture I; 304 Latin American Literature and Culture II; 305 Latin American Novel; 306 Hispanic Literature of the Caribbean; 315 Pop Culture in Mexican Literature; 318 20th Century Theater: Latin American Drama; 320 Advanced
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Commercial Spanish; 321 Hispanic Writers of the United States; 323 Revolution in Latin American Literature; 325 Translation and Interpretation; 330 Latin American and Spanish Cinema; 331 Film as a Subversive Art; 333 Hispanic Women Writers (in English); 370 Latin American Civilization

Students may petition the Director for the inclusion of other courses that focus on the Latin American or Latino experience.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

MINOR

A minor in Latin American and Latino Studies offers the non-major a solid, interdisciplinary introduction to the Latin American region and the U.S. Latino communities.

The minor is composed of six courses. From the core courses, minors may choose either Latin American and Latino Studies 200 Founding Myths and Cultural Conquest in Latin America; or 201 Social Diversity in Latin America. Latin American and Latino Studies 202 Multiculturalism in the U.S.; The Construction of Latino Communities is required of all minors. The remaining four courses may be chosen from among the courses approved for Latin American and Latino Studies credit. Minors are encouraged to take LST 390 Senior Seminar.

Minors may take LST 200 or 201 in either English or Spanish. Minors who have completed the Spanish language sequence through the 200 level are encouraged to take this course in Spanish.

SPANISH BILINGUAL PROFESSIONAL PROGRAM

Students in this major are encouraged to participate in the Spanish Bilingual Professional Program. This program requires the student to take Latin American and Latino Studies core courses and a series of their electives in Spanish in preparation for a six-month stay at the Universidad Autónoma de Yucatán. This program is designed to prepare students to pursue an advanced degree in law or business.

STUDY ABROAD EXPERIENCE

Students who do not participate in the Spanish Bilingual Professional Program are strongly encouraged to participate in DePaul's quarter abroad program in Merida, Mexico or one of the university's other short-term study abroad programs in Latin America.

INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCE

Students are strongly encouraged to include an internship as part of their academic experience. Internships may be arranged with either a Latino community organization, a US-based organization that focuses on Latin America, or, as part of a study abroad experience, with a public service organization in a Latin American country.

COURSES

All courses carry 4 quarter hours credit.

LST 200 FOUNDING MYTHS AND CULTURAL CONQUEST IN LATIN AMERICA This is an interdisciplinary introduction to Latin America prior to independence (early 1800s). Central themes include multiculturalism, ethnicity, identity, colonialism, pre- and post-colonial social organization and stratification, and forms of conflict and rebellion. Both English and Spanish versions of this course are offered.
LST 201 SOCIAL DIVERSITY IN LATIN AMERICA This is an interdisciplinary introduction to Latin American and Latino Studies focusing on the period after independence (19th and 20th centuries). Central themes include issues of dependence, independence and interdependence; development and underdevelopment; revolution and counterrevolution; democracy and authoritarianism; racism and classism in the Americas; Latin American migration and Latinos in the U.S.; and the debates about meaning of "America" and the Americas. Both English and Spanish versions of this course are offered.

LST 202 MULTICULTURISM IN THE U.S.: THE CONSTRUCTION OF LATINO COMMUNITIES This is an introductory course designed to present the concept of multiculturalism by highlighting the experiences of the major Latino groups in the United States. It brings together insights from history, economics, politics, sociology, geography, anthropology, literature, film and art to explore the social and cultural experiences of the Latino communities. The course deals with issues of immigration, relationships to home countries, border cultures, identity, and strategies for empowerment.

LST 300 SPECIAL TOPICS IN LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES Special Topics in Latin American studies.

LST 305 LATINO COMMUNITIES AND SOCIAL ENGAGEMENT In-depth, critical examination of different Latino communities. Topics include: Mexican-American Community, Puerto Rican Community and Cuban-American Communities.

LST 306 LATINO COMMUNITIES IN CHICAGO This course studies Latino Communities, focusing on their cultural and historical constructions from a community based learning experience.

LST 307 GROWING UP LATINO/LATINA IN THE U.S. A critical as well as a community based examination of the experiences of growing up as a Latino/Latina person in the United States.

LST 308 MOTHERHOOD IN LATINO COMMUNITIES This is an intellectual, as well as a community based exploration of motherhood in Latino communities and the theories of motherhood in feminist criticism throughout Latin America. Other topics: fatherhood, the extended family and the community as family. (Jr. Year Experiential Learning: Service)

LST 310 SPECIAL TOPICS: LATINOS IN THE U.S. Special Topics: Latinos in the U.S.

LST 390 SENIOR SEMINAR A capstone course that integrates the students’ prior course work and experiences by allowing the student to define a final culminating project. The seminar functions as a coordinated independent study course with extensive participation of Latin American and Latino Studies Program faculty.

LST 392 INTERNSHIP Internship.

LST 394 THESIS Thesis.

LST 395 TRAVEL/STUDY Travel/Study.

LST 399 INDEPENDENT STUDY Independent study.