

# 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.

Master of Public Health and Master of Arts in Latin American studies degrees (concurrent program).

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, histories, societies, economies, 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.

## Major Academic Plans (MAPs)

Visit <http://www.sdsu.edu/mymap> for the recommended courses needed to fulfill your major requirements. The MAPs Web site was created to help students navigate the course requirements for their majors and to identify which General Education course will also fulfill a major preparation course requirement.

## 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.

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

**Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement.** Passing the Writing Proficiency Assessment with a score of 10 or above or completing one of the approved upper division writing courses (W) with a grade of C (2.0) or better. See page 81 in "Graduation Requirements" section for a complete listing of requirements.

**Major.** A minimum of 36 upper division units selected from the courses listed below with not less than 12 units in one department and nine in two other departments. At least 33 units must be in courses having Latin American content:

Latin American Studies 366, 495, 498, 540, 550, 555, 560, 580; Anthropology 442\*, 508\*, 520\*, 582\*, 583\*\*; Art 561\*, 562\*; Chicana and Chicano Studies 306, 310, 335, 340, 350A, 350B, 355, 375, 376, 380, 400, 498; Communication 371\*, 591\*; Comparative Literature 445, 561+, 562\*, 563+, 577+, 596\*; Economics 360, 365, 464, 561\*, 565, 592\*; Geography 323, 324, 353, 354+, 381, 507, 509, 554\*; History 415, 416, 550, 551, 552, 558; International Security and Conflict Resolution 300, 301, 310, 496\*; Political Science 335, 361, 482, 496+, 531, 555, 560, 564, 566, 567\*, 568, 577; Portuguese 443\*, 499+, 534\*, 535\*; Public Administration and Urban Studies 420\*, 485\*, 580\*; Public Health 362; Sociology 350, 450\*, 457\*, 522\*, 555\*; Spanish 307\*, 341\*, 342\*, 350\*, 391\*, 406A\*-406B\*, 448\*, 491\*, 492\*, 493\*, 495\*\*, 497\*, 502\*, 515\*, 520\*, 549\*, 557\*; Television, Film, and New Media 363+, 462\*; Women's Studies 310, 512\*, 515\*, 530\*, 536\*, 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.

The major in Latin American studies 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: 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.

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

**Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement.** Passing the Writing Proficiency Assessment with a score of 10 or above or completing one of the approved upper division writing courses (W) with a grade of C (2.0) or better. See page 81 in "Graduation Requirements" section for a complete listing of requirements.

**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, 366, 495, 498, 540, 550, 555, 560, 580; Anthropology 442, 582 (when relevant); Chicana and Chicano Studies 306, 310, 335, 340, 350A, 355, 375, 376, 380, 498; Comparative Literature 445; Economics 360, 365, 464, 565, 592; Geography 323, 324; History 115, 116, 415, 416, 550, 551, 552, 558; 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)

Refer to Courses and Curricula and University Policies sections of this catalog for explanation of the course numbering system, unit or credit hour, prerequisites, and related information.

#### LOWER DIVISION COURSES

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

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

##### LATAM 110. Elementary Mixtec I (4) [GE]

Mixtec language and culture. Pronunciation, oral practice, reading, and listening comprehension and essentials of grammar in a communicative context and through task-based activities. Not open to students who have completed three years of high school Mixtec unless the third course was completed five or more years ago. Not open to students with credit in Latin American Studies 111.

##### LATAM 111. Elementary Mixtec II (4) [GE]

Prerequisite: Latin American Studies 110.

Continuation of Latin American Studies 110. Development of increased proficiency in Mixtec language and culture. Pronunciation, oral practice, listening comprehension, reading and writing, and grammar in a communicative context and through task-based activities. Not open to students who have completed four years of high school Mixtec unless the fourth course was completed five or more years ago.

#### UPPER DIVISION COURSES (Intended for Undergraduates)

##### LATAM 366. Latin American Politics (3)

(Same course as Political Science 366.)

Prerequisite: Completion of the General Education requirement in Foundations II.B., Social and Behavioral Sciences required for non-majors.

Introduction to Latin American Politics. Knowledge of political change and political systems in Latin America, viewed historically and comparatively, using concepts and theories applicable to more general political analysis.

##### LATAM 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.

##### LATAM 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.

##### LATAM 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.

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

Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.

Individual study. Maximum credit six units.

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

**LATAM 540. History, Society, and Ecology of Baja Peninsula (3)**

Prerequisites: Latin American Studies 101; Geography 102; Anthropology 102 or Political Science 103.

Historical and social anthropology of Baja Peninsula, current issues in socio-economy of a small region, relations between human activity and natural environment, flora and fauna of region, and challenges to ecological preservation.

**LATAM 550. Mexican-US Border from a Latin American Perspective (3)**

Prerequisites: Six upper division units with Latin American content. Spanish proficiency.

Multidisciplinary analysis of Mexican-US border region.

**LATAM 555. Women's Rights and Citizenship in Latin America (3)**

Prerequisites: Latin American Studies 101; Political Science 103 or Women's Studies 101.

Women's roles in war, counter-insurgency and human rights movements of 1970s and 1980s; women and social movements; female citizenship and socio-political participation in Latin American countries.

**LATAM 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.

**LATAM 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.

**LATAM 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.

**GRADUATE COURSES**

Refer to the *Graduate Bulletin*.

