

**Latin American and Latinx Studies
Application to declare the Major**

Please complete this application, the application essay, the planning form, and return them to Kathy Panebianco (LALS Administrative Assistant) in Old Laundry Building Room 302.

Name: _____

Expected Graduation Year: _____

Email: _____

Please write at least a paragraph in response to the questions below.

Question 1

- Why are you interested in majoring in Latin American and Latinx Studies?
- What LALS topics are of particular interest to you and why? What would you like to learn more about?
- Are you more interested in courses that focus on Latin American Studies or Latinx Studies? Why?

Question 2

Are you planning to double major or declare a correlate in an additional area of study? Why and how are those plans related to your interest in LALS?

Question 3

Have you spent time in any Latin American countries? Do you plan to study abroad in Latin America?

Question 4

Are you interested in pursuing a senior thesis or project? If so, please describe potential ideas. If not, please indicate which 300 level seminars you are interested in taking instead. Your response to this question is used to gauge your interests and inform how we advise you through the major. Your response does not commit you to pursuing the ideas you discuss here. Plans and interests change over time and that's all right!

Question 5

How does a LALS major fit into your future career plans?

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Requirements for Latin American and Latinx Studies Major

Number of units required for the major: 11 units

Major requirements:

- Introduction to LALS
 - LALS 105 – usually taught in the Spring term.
- Methods course (choose 1 course from the following options):
 - ANTH 245, 250, or 255
 - HISP 216
 - SOCI 254
 - POLI 207 or 273
- Language competency in Spanish or Portuguese through the third year
 - Requirement can be fulfilled with HISP 216, PORT 210, or PORT 310
 - One unit beyond this level is strongly recommended.
- Pre-1900 (choose 1 course from the following)
 - ANTH 243, 240 or 268
 - HIST 263
- Latinx Studies (choose 1 course from the following)
 - EDUC 270
 - ENGL 230
 - GEOG 246
 - SOCI 253
- 300 level seminar
 - This can be any LALS course or any of the 300-level cross listed courses on the list of [approved courses](#)
- LALS Senior Seminar
 - This course changes at the discretion of the Program Director and seminar instructor.
- 1 unit of intensive work
 - Can be fulfilled at the 200 level with CEL or INDP work (LALS 290 or 298)
 - Can be fulfilled at the 300 level with senior thesis (LALS 300, 301, 302), or senior project (LALS 303, 304, 305), or senior INDP work (LALS 399)

Additional notes:

- Only two courses at the 100-level can count towards the major.
- A maximum of 4 language units in HISP or PORT can be counted toward the major.
- For students with a double major, a maximum of 2 units can be counted toward LALS and the other major.
- Senior work is optional. Students may elect to pursue a senior project or a senior thesis under the supervision of a LALS faculty member.
- Three units at the 300-level are highly recommended: Senior seminar plus two other seminars OR senior seminar, a second seminar, and senior thesis/project.
- A maximum of 2 units of relevant coursework taken during study abroad can count toward the major. This must be approved by the Program Director.

**LATIN AMERICAN AND LATINX STUDIES MAJOR PLANNING FORM
11 Units**

Name: _____ Class Year: _____

Advisor: _____ Study Abroad? _____

100-Level Course (max of 2 units)

Semester/Year Taken

LALS 105 (required)

**Methods - choose from ANTH 245, 250 or 255,
HISP 216, SOCI 254, POLI 207, 273**

Semester/Year Taken

**Pre-1900 - choose from ANTH 243, 240 or 268,
or HIST 263**

Semester/Year Taken

**Latinx Studies - choose from EDUC 270, ENGL 230,
GEOG 246, or SOCI 253**

Semester/Year Taken

300-Level Courses - minimum of 2 units

Semester/Year Taken

Senior Seminar (required)

Intensive credit - 1 unit required

Semester/Year Taken

Senior Thesis or Project (optional)

Semester/Year Taken

Language - max of 4 units can be counted

Semester/Year Taken

HISP 216 (required)

Additional Courses counted toward major

Semester/Year Taken
