LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES, CERTIFICATE

Liberal Arts (Code 340-601)

The Latin American Studies Certificate is intended to provide students in any field of study with the opportunity to learn more about Latin America and its peoples without requiring either knowledge of the language nor immersion time in a Latin American country. The certificate can be particularly useful for students in fields which may bring them into contact with people of Latin American origin or descent living in the US, such as education, nursing, social work. The Certificate may also interest Spanish majors and minors who have studied in Spain and don’t have the ability to do an immersion in a Latin American country but would nonetheless benefit from learning more about Latin America and Latino/Hispanic communities in the U.S., their history and their culture. The Certificate may also interest heritage speakers of Spanish who might not be interested in formally pursuing the study of the Spanish language but do want to learn more about Latin America and Latin American communities in the U.S.

12 credits required

Core courses:
- LAS 150 Introduction to Latin American Studies 3
- LAS 222 Introduction to U.S. Latino History and Culture 3

Two courses from the Humanities/Social Sciences courses listed below (or other courses with approval of the LAS Program Director):
- AIS 444 Indigenous Theory and Methodologies
- ANTH/WMNS 356 Women in Cross-Cultural Perspective
- ARTH/AIS 335 Ancient Art and Architecture of Mexico and Central America
- ARTH/AIS 337 Art of Tawantinsuyo
- HNRS 304 (when offered as Crossing Borders: Discourses from Latin America)
- LAS/HIST 309 Latin America Through Independence
- LAS/HIST 311 Latin America Since Independence
- LAS 314 Music and Dance of Latin America
- LAS/GEOG 321 Geography of Latin America
- LAS/ECON 356 Economic Development of Latin America
- MATH 107 Mathematics in Latin American Cultures
- NRSG 389 Cross Cultural Health
- RELS/AIS 330 Indigenous Religions of the Americas
- SOC 312 Race and Ethnicity in the U.S.
  or SOC 314 Social Class and Inequality
- WMNS 422 Women’s Studies Advanced Travel Seminar (when offered as Women in Nicaragua)

Note 1: Courses cannot be counted in both the major and the certificate program.

Note 2: Students who pursue Latin American Studies and Spanish liberal arts program combinations will need to earn at least 48 unique credits between any major-minor or major-certificate program combinations and 54 unique credits between any major-major program combinations for purposes of meeting graduation requirements for first and second degree programs.

For advising, contact the Latin American Studies Program.