

CAREERS

The many countries of Latin America are Louisiana's closest neighbor. The large Latin American population in the United States itself, and the many connections between the United States and Latin America, offer numerous career opportunities for students with expertise in the region.

A minor in Latin American Studies will empower you with the knowledge you need to serve in Latin America-related positions in **government**, and in international **organizations** such as the Peace Corps. As a **biologist**, a **botanist**, an **environmental scientist**, an **anthropologist**, a **historian**, as an **international lawyer**; as a **social worker**, a **community activist**, a **labor organizer**, or a **banker**; as a professional in **agriculture** or **intercultural marketing** and **publicity**; as a **teacher** or as an entrepreneur in international **travel and tourism**, the insight gained from the minor in Latin American Studies will provide you the insight you need to function in the inter-American professional world.

If you are considering a career in **broadcasting** or in **business**, if you are going into **medicine** or **pharmaceutical research**, or if you plan to enter the **clergy**, a minor in Latin American Studies will give you the necessary tools to establish links with the Hispanic populations in the United States and most of Latin America and the Caribbean.

If your future profession fits within **the industrial world**, a minor in Latin American Studies will provide you with insight into development strategies in the many countries of our hemisphere. If you are looking into **commerce**, bear in mind that countries like Mexico, Argentina and Brazil have large economies, that Louisiana has important trading partners in a number of Latin American countries, and that the United States has major trade agreements with Latin America.

GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES

Students go on to professional school in law, business, medicine, public administration and social work, and to graduate programs in anthropology, economics, history, political science, and sociology as well as Spanish and Latin American Studies.

EXPERIENTIAL OPPORTUNITIES

Study abroad with UL Lafayette or other programs, gain hands-on research skills as a member of the Student Research Team, participate in the social and cultural activities of the Latin American Students' Association and the Spanish Club, develop an internship in an agency serving Acadiana's Latin American population.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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LAS AT UL LAFAYETTE

The program in Latin American Studies is new at UL Lafayette, founded in 2000 and offering a minor in the College of Liberal Arts. The minor in LAS enables students to combine study of a major field in the arts, humanities, sciences, or social sciences with a focused study of Latin American history, culture, and contemporary affairs.

The faculty are drawn from departments throughout the university, and they teach over 20 LAS courses in the humanities and social sciences. They also provide advising for students engaged in Latin America-related work, and coordinate and promote the University's academic and cultural exchanges with Latin American institutions. They participate in special projects of educational and cultural character, including public programs such as speakers and film series, and they work to provide university-wide support for research and teaching related to Latin America.

There is also a concentration in Latin American and Caribbean History available at the M.A. level in the Department of History and Geography. Students wishing further information on this program should contact Dr. Mark Lentz.

THE MINOR

Latin American Studies is an interdisciplinary field in which students design programs that reflect their particular interests. Courses focusing on Latin America are regularly given at UL Lafayette in Geography, History, and Spanish, but any course, in any department, with significant Latin American content is considered an LAS course.

The minor program in LAS is composed of three core courses, consisting of 3 credit hours in History and 7 credit hours in Spanish, and three elective courses (9 credit hours) in other LAS

courses. A course in literature is highly recommended. Students are strongly encouraged to take additional coursework in their area of interest, and to take advantage of UL Lafayette's study abroad program in Mexico.

Core Courses

Latin America to 1824 (History 351) **or**
Latin America from 1824 to the present (History 352)
Intermediate Spanish (Spanish 201) **or** the equivalent (test out)
Spanish Conversation (Spanish 216, 316, or 317) **or** the equivalent

Elective Courses

Only three elective hours (one course) in Spanish and six hours in History (two courses) may count towards the LAS minor. Any course in the university counts for LAS credit when its primary focus is Latin America. Some examples are:

Anthropology of Religion (Anthropology 305)
Seminar in Anthropology (Anthropology 493G)
International Economics (Economics 415)
Foreign Literature in Translation (FORL 331, 332, 433, 434)
Geography of Latin America (Geography 306)
History of Latin America (History 351 or 352, whichever was not taken as a core course)
Economic History (History 361)
Diplomatic History (History 362)
Women in History (History 366)
Topics and Themes in History (History 371)
Latin American History Seminar (History 440)
Topics in the Humanities (Humanities 300)
Problems in Humanities (Honors 385)
Hispanic Cultural Readings (Spanish 203)
Spanish for Heritage Speakers (Spanish 301)
Hispanic Cultures (Spanish 320)
Hispanic Literatures (Spanish 340)
Latin American Literature (Spanish 441-442)
Topics in Latin American Culture (Spanish 451G)

Hispanic Cinema (Spanish 455G)
Topics in Latin American Literature (Spanish 480)
Topics in Hispanic Literatures (Spanish 492G)

SPANISH AND LATIN AMERICAN (SALA) NETWORK

The SALA Network works to foster communication and cultural exchange between Lafayette and the Iberian world, to support collaboration and communication among Latin Americanists and Hispanists at UL Lafayette, and to facilitate intellectual and cultural collaboration between the programs in Spanish and Latin American Studies at UL Lafayette and the larger Acadiana's Hispanic community. Our research links, at <http://las.louisiana.edu/linksindex.html>, are designed to guide students, more advanced researchers, and the community at large through the many electronic and print resources on Latin America available at or through the university.

STUDENT RESEARCH TEAM

Students on the Research Team in Spanish and Latin American Studies deepen their experience in bibliographic research, project design, evaluation and organization of documents, and academic writing, while at the same time deepening their knowledge of the topic that is the focus of their individual research project.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Students may participate in the varied activities Spanish Club and the Cineclub, which regularly screens feature films from Latin America and the Caribbean.