

# Latin American Studies, Certificate

## Requirements

The undergraduate Certificate in Latin American Studies requires a minimum of 18 s.h. The 18 s.h. required for the certificate must be earned in Latin American studies approved courses (see "Associated Courses" in the Latin American studies minor "Requirements" section), including at least 12 s.h. of credit earned at the University of Iowa. Students must maintain a grade-point average of at least 2.00 in certificate courses.

The certificate may be earned by any student admitted to the University of Iowa who is not enrolled in a UI graduate or professional degree program. Undergraduate to Graduate (U2G) students may earn the certificate when the undergraduate classification is primary. Students earning the Certificate in Latin American Studies may not earn the minor in Latin American studies.

All students develop an individual certificate plan of study in close cooperation with a departmental advisor. In some cases, students may be able to count certificate courses toward certain GE CLAS Core requirements.

The Certificate in Latin American Studies requires the following coursework.

Course #	Title	Hours
LAS:2700	Introduction to Latin American Studies	3
LAS:4700	Latin American Studies Seminar	3
Spanish and Portuguese courses (prefix SPAN and PORT)		6
Additional courses (excluding Spanish and Portuguese courses)		6
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>18</b>

Students who complete the required 6 s.h. of Spanish and Portuguese coursework at the University of Iowa must choose courses from the "Associated Courses" list on the Latin American Studies minor catalog page. Students may also use 6 s.h. of Spanish or Portuguese language study at any level if those hours are earned through an approved study abroad program in Latin America. Contact the department for prior approval of a study abroad program.

The required 6 s.h. of additional courses must also be chosen from the "Associated Courses" list on the Latin American Studies minor catalog page. They may not include Spanish or Portuguese courses (prefix SPAN or PORT).

## Study Abroad

The program highly recommends study abroad in Latin America. Students must have prior approval to apply credit from a study abroad program toward the certificate requirements; contact the Department of Spanish and Portuguese.

## Career Advancement

The Certificate in Latin American Studies prepares students for a range of careers and graduate programs related to Latin America, including bilingual/bicultural education, business, government, and international work.

## Academic Plans

### Sample Plan of Study

Sample plans represent one way to complete a program of study. Actual course selection and sequence will vary and should be discussed with an academic advisor. For additional sample plans, see MyUI.

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Course	Title	Hours
<b>First Year</b>		
<b>Spring</b>		
LAS:2700	Introduction to Latin American Studies	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>3</b>
<b>Second Year</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
Certificate: Spanish or Portuguese course (prefix SPAN or PORT) from the Latin American Studies Program approved list in the General Catalog, or any level Spanish/Portuguese language credit through an approved study abroad program in Latin America		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>3</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
Certificate: Spanish or Portuguese course (prefix SPAN or PORT) from the Latin American Studies Program approved list in the General Catalog, or any level Spanish/Portuguese language credit through an approved study abroad program in Latin America		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>3</b>
<b>Third Year</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
Certificate: additional course from the Latin American Studies Program approved list in the General Catalog (excluding Spanish or Portuguese courses) <sup>a</sup>		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>3</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
Certificate: additional course from the Latin American Studies Program approved list in the General Catalog (excluding Spanish or Portuguese courses) <sup>a</sup>		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>3</b>
<b>Fourth Year</b>		
<b>Spring</b>		
LAS:4700	Latin American Studies Seminar	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>3</b>
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>18</b>

<sup>a</sup> The 18 s.h. required for the Certificate in Latin American Studies must be earned in Latin American Studies Program approved courses and must include at least 12 s.h. of credit earned at the University of Iowa. If all other coursework is

completed at the University of Iowa, then 6 s.h. of additional courses may be satisfied through coursework completed in a pre-approved study abroad program in Latin America. Contact the LASP academic advisor for pre-approval.