

Latin American Studies (BA)

Total Hours Required: 120

Plan of Study

The Plan of Study is a suggested four-year course sequence to support academic planning and serves as a helpful guide. Currently enrolled students should meet with their academic advisor to tailor their course selections and timelines to their individual goals and circumstances.

Course	Title	Hours
Year 1		
Semester 1		
Hours chosen from: SPN, POR, or LAL		6
RHE 306	Rhetoric and Writing	3
<u>First-Year Signature Course (090)</u>		3
LAS 301	Key Ideas and Issues in Latin America	3
Hours		15
Semester 2		
Hours chosen from: SPN, POR, or LAL		6
<u>Mathematics (020)</u>		3
<u>Social and Behavioral Sciences (080)</u>		3
<u>U.S. History (060)</u>		3
Hours		15
Year 2		
Semester 1		
Hours chosen from: SPN, POR, or LAL		6
E 316N	World Literature	3
<u>Natural Science and Technology, Part I (030)</u>		3
<u>U.S. History (060)</u>		3
Hours		15
Semester 2		
LAS course		3
Natural Science and Technology, Part I		3
GOV 310L	American and Texas Government	3
Social Science course		3
Minor course		3
Hours		15
Year 3		
Semester 1		
<u>Transcript-recognized minor or certificate</u>		3
GOV 312L	Issues and Policies in American Government	3
<u>Natural Science and Technology, Part II (093)</u>		3
Free Elective		3
<u>Transcript-recognized minor or certificate</u>		3
Hours		15
Semester 2		
LAS 366	Topics in Latin American History	3
LAS 337M	Topics in Latin American Politics	3
<u>Transcript-recognized minor or certificate</u>		3
<u>Visual and Performing Arts (050)</u>		3
Free Elective		3
Hours		15
Year 4		
Semester 1		
LAS 326	Topics in Latin American Music	3
Hours chosen from: Upper-division LAS		3
<u>Transcript-recognized minor or certificate</u>		3
Free Elective (upper-division)		3
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Hours		15

Semester 2		
Hours chosen from: Upper-division LAS		3
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LAS 315	Introductory Topics in Latin American Social Sciences	3
Upper-division electives		6
Hours		15
Total Hours		120

Requirements

All requirements are listed below, starting with the most specialized moving to the most general. Additional requirements may follow the table, so be sure to read the entire page. Some required courses listed below may also satisfy General Education requirements, including Core Curriculum.

Code	Title	Hours
Major		
LAS 301	Key Ideas and Issues in Latin America	3
LAS 337M	Topics in Latin American Politics	3
LAS 366	Topics in Latin American History	3
Hours chosen from:		3
LAS 315	Introductory Topics in Latin American Social Sciences	
LAS 319	Geography of Latin America	
LAS 324L	Topics in Latin American Anthropology	
LAS 325	Topics in Latin American Sociology	
LAS 330	Topics in Latin American Geography	
LAS 355	Topics in Latin American Economics	
Hours chosen from:		3
LAS 326	Topics in Latin American Music	
LAS 327	Topics in Latin American Art History	
LAS 328	Topics in Latin American Arts, Literature, Film, and Dance	
LAS 370P	Topics in Luso-Brazilian Literature, Culture, Civilization, and Linguistics	
LAS 370S	Topics in Hispanic Literature, Culture, Civilization, and Linguistics	
Hours chosen from: LAS (upper-division)		9
Hours chosen from: LAS		3
Subtotal		27
Degree (see details below)		51
Free electives: Additional coursework to reach total hours required.		12
Subtotal		63
General Education		
<u>Remaining Core Curriculum (42 hours total)</u>		30
<u>Foreign Language other than English, Intermediate Proficiency</u>		
Subtotal		30
College Requirements - Liberal Arts		
General University Requirements		
Total Hours		120

Additional Requirements

- Students must achieve an intermediate level of competency in Spanish, Portuguese, or an indigenous language of Latin America. Credit used to fulfill this requirement may also be used to fulfill the foreign language requirement.

Degree - Bachelor of Arts (BA) - Liberal Arts

Code	Title	Hours
Degree		
<i>Literature and Writing</i>		
RHE 306	Rhetoric and Writing (Plan II honors requires at least a C-; may also count toward Core Curriculum)	3
Hours chosen from: <u>Writing intensive coursework-see course list</u> (may also count toward Core Curriculum; Plan II honors requires at least a C-)		3
Hours chosen from: Upper-division <u>Writing intensive coursework-see course list</u> (may also count toward Core Curriculum; Plan II honors requires at least a C-)		6
Choose a sequence below:		12
Sequence 1: Plan II Honors (requires at least a C-; may also count toward Core Curriculum)		
E 303C	Plan II World Literature Part I	
or T C 303C	Plan II World Literature Part I	
Sequence 2: Plan I		
E 316L	British Literature	
or E 316M	American Literature	
or E 316N	World Literature	
<u>Foreign Language other than English, Intermediate Proficiency</u>		3
<i>Choose a sequence below: Social Science</i>		3
Sequence 1: Plan II Honors (requires at least a C-; may also count toward Core Curriculum)		
S S 302C	Honors Social Science: Methods and Theory	
or S S 302D	Honors Social Science: Psychology	
or S S 302E	Honors Social Science: Anthropology	
or S S 302E	Honors Social Science: Anthropology	
or S S 302F	Honors Social Science: Economics	
Sequence 2: Plan I		
<u>Additional Social Science (may not also be counted toward Core Curriculum)</u>		
<i>Mathematics</i>		
Choose a sequence below: (M 301, M 316K, and M 316L do not count toward this requirement)		3
Sequence 1: Plan II Honors		
M 310P	Modern Mathematics: Plan II	
Sequence 2: Plan I		
Hours chosen from: Mathematics		
<i>Choose a sequence below:</i>		3
Sequence 1: Plan II Honors		
T C 310	Modes of Reasoning	
or PHL 313Q	Logic and Scientific Reasoning	
Sequence 2: Plan I		
<u>Cultural Expression, Human Experience, and Thought (may not also be counted toward Core Curriculum)</u>		
<i>Choose a sequence below:</i>		15
Sequence 1: Plan II Honors		
Six Hours chosen from: Astronomy, biology, chemistry, geological sciences, physical science, or physics (may also count toward Core Curriculum)		
BIO 301E	Problems in Modern Biology	
PHY 321	Modern Physics: Plan II	
Three Hours chosen from:		

Art history, music history, or history of theatre and dance

Upper-division classical civilization, humanities, literature, or philosophy

Sequence 2: Plan I International Relations and Global Studies

Free electives: Additional coursework to reach total hours required.

Sequence 3: Other Plan I

Hours chosen from:

Transcript-recognized minor or certificate

Liberal Arts multi-disciplinary minor in the Social and Behavioral Sciences

Liberal Arts multi-disciplinary minor in Cultural Expression, Human Experience, and Thought

Total Hours

51

Additional Requirements and Policies

Unless otherwise stated, students must complete at least:

- 15 upper-division degree hours
- 24 upper-division degree hours taken in residence at the University
- 36 additional degree hours taken in residence at the University.

Credit may be earned via credit by examination, extension, or transferred hours from another institution (requires dean's approval).

Major and minor required hours may also be used to fulfill degree requirements unless expressly prohibited.

A course in one degree area may not also be used to fulfill the requirements of another degree area unless specified otherwise.

Mathematics courses at the college algebra level may not count toward elective hours.

Majors

A major consists of 24 to 45 hours, with at least 15 upper-division hours unless the requirements of the major state otherwise.

Students must earn at least:

- 18 major hours taken in residence at the University.
- 6 upper-division major hours taken in residence at the University
- a 2.00 grade point average for in-residence major hours taken at the University unless a higher minimum scholastic requirement is specified for the major.

Minors

Students must get permission from their College of Liberal Arts academic advisor to pursue more than one transcript-recognized minor or certificate per major. The academic advisor will approve or deny the request after considering the student's long-term educational and professional goals and the student's ability to graduate within 4 years of entering the University.

Students should consult the department offering the course before planning to use it to fulfill the minor requirement.

Hours used to fulfill the requirements for a minor must be taken on the letter-grade basis.

See [University Minor and Certificate policies here](#).