Latin American and Latino Studies (LAST)

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Students interested in Latin America and wishing to maximize their potential for academic, business, professional, or government careers related to the area, may earn a combined major or a minor in Latin American and Latino studies together with a major in another discipline in Fulbright College. Advice on appropriate combinations of Latin American and Latino studies with other majors as well as individual approval of such combinations may be obtained from the LAST program director. New students in this program must officially declare the combined major and notify the LAST program director. Degree checks must also be cleared with the program director. Freshmen and sophomores considering this program are advised to begin their study of Spanish or Portuguese as early as possible.

Requirements for a Combined Major in Latin American and Latino Studies

In addition to the requirements of a primary departmental major, students pursuing a combined major in Latin American and Latino Studies must complete the following:

Language Competence: The student must complete SPAN 2013 (or equivalent). Provisions are available for recognition of language skills gained by other means than formal course work taken at the University of Arkansas: See information under the entry in the department of world languages. Further functional work in Spanish or Portuguese as well as study and residence in a Latin American nation can serve to strengthen language competence and are encouraged.

Colloquium: The student must complete at least three hours in the interdepartmental colloquium, LAST 4003. The Colloquium may be repeated, with the adviser’s approval, provided the topic is different.

Electives: The student must complete 18 hours, in addition to the LAST Colloquium, in courses with specific Latin American or Latino content, or individualized study options under instructors teaching Latin American or Latino studies. Students choosing to take individualized readings or directed research courses must obtain the approval of the director of the area studies program. In the selection of the electives, the following conditions apply:

1. Courses must be selected from at least three different departments,
2. A maximum of nine hours may be submitted from courses taken in any one department.

The following courses and individualized study options may be taken in fulfillment of elective requirements (for detailed descriptions please see the listings under the individual departmental headings):

**Anthropology**

ANTH 2013  Introduction to Latin American Studies (Irregular)  3
ANTH 3213  Indians of North America (Irregular)  3

**Economics**

ECON 3843  Economic Development, Poverty, & the Role of the World Bank and IMF in Low-Income Countries (Fa)  3
ECON 3853  Emerging Markets (Fa)  3

**Geography**

GEOG 2003  World Regional Geography (ACTS Equivalency = GEOG 2103) (Sp, Fa)  3

**History**

HIST 3203  Colonial Latin America (Odd years, Fa)  3
HIST 3213  Modern Latin America (Even years, Sp)  3
HIST 4783  History of Modern Mexico (Odd years, Sp)  3
HIST 5313  Reading Seminar in Latin American History (Irregular)  3
HIST 5323  Research Seminar in Latin American History (Irregular)  3

**Latin American Studies**

LAST 2013  Latin American Studies (Fa)  3
LAST 399VH  Honors Thesis (Sp, Fa)  1-6
LAST 4003  Latin American Studies Colloquium (Sp)  3

**Music**

MUHS 4253  Special Topics in Music History (Sp, Fa) (Latin American Music)  3

**Political Science**

PLSC 3263  Latino Politics (Fa)  3
PLSC 3573  Governments and Politics of Latin America (Irregular)  3
PLSC 4873  Inter-American Politics (Irregular)  3

**Social Work**

SCWK 3193  Human Diversity and Social Work (Sp, Su, Fa)  3

**Spanish**

SPAN 3103  Cultural Readings (Sp, Fa)  3
SPAN 3113  Introduction to Literature (Sp, Fa)  3
SPAN 3123  Spanish for Heritage Speakers (Irregular)  3
SPAN 4133  Survey of Spanish-American Literature I (Irregular)  3
SPAN 4193  Survey of Spanish-American Literature II (Irregular)  3
SPAN 4223  Latin American Civilization (Irregular)  3
SPAN 4243  Literature and Culture in the Hispanic United States (Irregular)  3
SPAN 4253  Latin American Cinema and Society (Irregular)  3
SPAN 4553  Latin America Today (Irregular)  3
SPAN 475V  Special Investigations (Sp, Fa)  1-6
SPAN 4883  Indigenous Literatures of Mesoamerica, the Andes and the Amazon (Irregular)  3
SPAN 5253  Colonial Literature and Culture (Irregular)  3
SPAN 5393  19th Century Spanish American Literature (Irregular)  3
SPAN 5403  Spanish American Theatre (Irregular)  3
Requirements for a Minor in Latin American and Latino Studies:
Students wishing to minor in Latin American and Latino studies must fulfill the Colloquium (LAST 4003) and the language requirements described above, and must complete at least 12 hours from among the electives listed above. Electives must include courses from at least two different academic departments. Included in the 12 hours may be 3 additional hours of LAST 4003, provided the topic is different.

Requirements for Honors in Latin American and Latino Studies:
The Honors Program in Latin American and Latino studies gives junior and senior students of high ability the opportunity to enroll in enriched courses and conduct independent research culminating in an honors thesis. In addition to satisfying the general Fulbright College requirements for graduation and the basic eligibility requirements for honors as established by the Honors Council, candidates for honors in Latin American and Latino studies must complete 12 hours of honors credit in partial satisfaction of requirements for the co-major. One to six of these may be thesis hours (LAST 399VH). The preferred method for satisfying the remaining hours is to enroll in the colloquium at least once for honors credit (LAST 4003H) and to take relevant honors colloquia or graduate courses (with permission) in one of the departments contributing to this interdisciplinary area study. The thesis committee shall include a representative from the major discipline (in the case of multiple majors, from the discipline contributing most significantly to the topic). Successful completion of these requirements will be recognized by the award of the distinction “Latin American and Latino Studies Scholar Cum Laude” at graduation. Higher degree distinctions are recommended only in exceptional cases and are based upon the whole of the candidate’s program of honors studies.