Major in Latin American and Caribbean Studies

This interdisciplinary major, shared with CLACS, consists of 9 courses in Latin American, Caribbean and/or Latino Studies and demonstrated language ability in two relevant languages.

**Requirements:**

1. **SPAN-UA 300 “Iberian Atlantic”** - Required; offered every fall semester. This course is conducted in English with a Spanish section available. It is recommended early in the major, to be taken concurrent with language study.

2. **SPAN-UA 305 “Cultural History of Latin America”** Offered every fall; taught in Spanish. Prerequisite: Critical Approaches (SPAN-UA 200).

   or

   CORE-UA XXX.XXX a CORE CURRICULUM COURSE affiliated with Latin American Studies.

**Electives (7 courses needed to satisfy the LAMS major)**

Electives may be drawn from the rich offering of courses on Latin America, the Caribbean and/or Latino Studies across the university. Offerings vary by semester, but are regularly offered in the Department of Spanish and Portuguese, CLACS, Anthropology, History, Politics, SCA and Art History, as well as at Gallatin and other schools. Those taught in Spanish in the Department of Spanish and Portuguese carry as a pre-requisite “Critical Approaches” (SPAN-UA 200), which also counts toward the major.

**Advanced Language Requirements**

These requisites (which can be fulfilled at any time prior to completion of the major) do not count toward the 9 courses in the major. Two languages are required for the Latin American and Caribbean Studies Major.

- **Spanish:** demonstrated language ability through the level of Advanced Grammar and Composition (SPAN-UA 100) or Advanced Spanish for Spanish Speaking students (SPAN-UA 111) or
- **Portuguese:** demonstrated language ability through intensive elementary or
- Indigenous or Diasporic Languages (including Quechua, Haitian Kreyól, Nahuatl or Mixtec): demonstrated language ability through the elementary level

No advanced language elective can be used to satisfy the major. Advanced Language Electives include conversation, translation and creative writing courses.

**Double majors may double count one relevant course with their other major with the permission of the Director of Undergraduate Studies in Spanish and Portuguese.**

**Honors Program**

Students with a general and major GPA of 3.65 or above are encouraged to participate in the Honors Program. Honors majors enroll in a year-long (8-point) colloquium in the senior year, the Honors Thesis Seminar (4 of these points count toward the major). The honors thesis is an extended research paper on a topic of the student’s choice and directed by a faculty adviser, written in Spanish or English. Students offer an oral presentation of the thesis in the spring of senior year.

**Internship/Independent Study**

Students have the option of doing a 2-4 credit internship or independent study and may count it toward credit in Romance Languages, under the advisement of the DUS or Associate DUS.

**AP Credit:**

  4 or 5 in Spanish Language: language requirement fulfilled; credit for Intermediate Spanish, SPAN-UA 4. Enroll in Advanced Grammar & Composition (SPAN-UA 100)

  4 in Spanish Literature: credit for either Advanced Grammar & Composition (SPAN-UA 100) or Advanced Spanish for Spanish Speakers (SPAN-UA 111). Please contact Director of Language for further assessment and advise.

  5 in Spanish Literature: credit for either Advanced Grammar & Composition (SPAN-UA 100) or Advanced Spanish for Spanish Speakers (SPAN-UA 111) or Critical Approached (SPAN-US 200) based on the decision of the Director of Language Program.