Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of General Studies in Latin American Area and Caribbean Studies

Overview of the Bachelor of Arts degree in Latin American & Caribbean Studies

The Bachelor of Arts degree in Latin American & Caribbean Studies provides a broad academic background with a deep regional focus, often in conjunction with a second major in a specific discipline, and a mastery of Spanish and other languages. The program enables students to take courses in a variety of departments as a part of their plan of study and can lay a strong foundation for graduate work. Students are encouraged to pursue graduation with honors in Latin American & Caribbean Studies. Prospective majors should begin language study in a Latin American Language of their choice as soon as possible. The intensive language program is recommended for those without high school preparation. All three core courses for the Latin American & Caribbean Studies major are certified as meeting KU Core learning outcomes. All students must be advised by the designated advisor (http://clas.ku.edu/people/SAS/cook) of the program.

Undergraduate Admission

Admission to KU

All students applying for admission must send high school and college transcripts to the Office of Admissions. Unless they are college transfer students with at least 24 hours of credit, prospective students must send ACT or SAT scores to the Office of Admissions. Prospective first-year students should be aware that KU has qualified admission requirements that all new first-year students must meet to be admitted. Consult the Office of Admissions (http://admissions.ku.edu) for application deadlines and specific admission requirements.

Visit the Office of International Student and Scholar Services (http://www.iss.ku.edu) for information about international admissions.

Students considering transferring to KU may see how their college-level course work will transfer on the Office of Admissions (http://credittransfer.ku.edu) website.

Admission to the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Admission to the College is a different process from admission to a major field. Some CLAS departments have admission requirements. See individual department/program sections for departmental admission requirements.

Latin American and Caribbean Studies Majors

Students may earn a double major (one in a particular discipline and one in Latin American and Caribbean studies) or a single major in Latin American and Caribbean studies. In addition to meeting the College language requirement in Spanish or Portuguese, all majors earn a minimum of 30 hours in substantive courses on Latin America and the Caribbean.

Requirements for the B.A. or B.G.S. Major

Language Proficiency Requirements (0)

Complete each of the following:

Intermediate-level language (4 semesters or equivalent) at least up to the following:

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<tr>
<td>SPAN 216</td>
<td>Intermediate Spanish II</td>
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<td>SPAN 217</td>
<td>Honors Intermediate Spanish II</td>
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<td>SPAN 220</td>
<td>Intensive Intermediate Spanish</td>
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Course Requirements (9)

Courses may count for 2 requirements. Complete each of the following (9 hours):

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<td>LAA 100</td>
<td>Latin American Culture and Society</td>
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<td>LAA 300</td>
<td>Interdisciplinary Themes in Latin American Studies</td>
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<td>LAA 450</td>
<td>Capstone Course in Latin American Studies</td>
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Core Requirements (24)

A minimum of 24 hours (6 different courses) is required. These courses may also be used toward a minor. Complete each of the following:

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<td>12 hours in Culture, Literature, and the Arts (4 different courses)</td>
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<td>12 hours in Society, Politics, and Economics (4 different courses)</td>
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Minimum Major Requirements 33 Hours

Note: Students earning a double major must have 15 hours unique to each major.

Latin American and Caribbean Studies Courses by Topics

Note: Students choosing their own topics for research papers must select a topic related to Latin America and the Caribbean. All courses must have at least 25 percent Latin American and Caribbean content to count toward the major.

Courses with a blank (_____ ) at the end of their titles are typically topics or seminar courses that may be repeated for credit. Usually these courses offer different topics each time they are taught. Students should check with the course instructor about the requirements to take the course and what the topic will be when it is offered.

I. Culture, Literature, and the Arts

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<td>LAA 302</td>
<td>Topics in Latin American Area Studies:_____ (may be repeated as topic changes)</td>
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<td>LAA 332</td>
<td>Language and Society in Latin America</td>
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<td>LAA 334/634</td>
<td>Indigenous Traditions of Latin America</td>
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<td>LAA 503</td>
<td>Race, Gender, Ethnicity, and Nationalism in Latin America</td>
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<td>MUSC 305</td>
<td>Music of Latin America</td>
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MUSC 312 Music in the Andes 3
MUSC 313 Music in Mexico and the Caribbean 3
PORT 300 Brazilian Culture 3
PORT 340/540 Textual Analysis and Critical Reading 3
PORT 347 Brazilian Studies: _____ 3
PORT 365 Studies in Brazilian Film: _____ 3
SPAN 448 Spanish Language and Culture for Business 3
SPAN 460 Colonial Spanish-American Studies: _____ 3
SPAN 462 Twentieth Century Spanish-American Studies: _____ 3
SPAN 463 National Traditions in Spanish America: _____ 3
SPAN 560 Colloquium on Latin American Film 3

II. Society, Politics, and Economics

ANTH 379 Indigenous Traditions of Latin America 3
ANTH 380 Peoples of South America 3
ANTH 501 Topics in Sociocultural Anthropology: _____ (Indigenous Development in Latin America/Contemporary Mesoamerica) 3
ANTH 506 Ancient American Civilizations: Mesoamerica 3
ANTH 507 The Ancient Maya 3
ANTH 508 Ancient American Civilizations: The Central Andes 3
ANTH 562 Mexamerica 3
ANTH 674 Political Anthropology 3
HIST 121 Modern Latin America 3
HIST 365 Invention of the Tropics 3
HIST 371 The Cultural History of Modern Latin America 3
HIST 471 Social History of South America 3
HIST 575 History of Mexico 3
HIST 576 History of the Caribbean and Central America 3
HIST 579 The History of Brazil 3
IBUS 415 Business in Latin America 3
LAA 302/602 Topics in Latin American Area Studies:_____ (may be repeated as topic changes) 3
LAA 332 Language and Society in Latin America 3
LAA 334/634 Indigenous Traditions of Latin America 3
LAA 503 Race, Gender, Ethnicity, and Nationalism in Latin America 3
POL 568 Theories of Politics in Latin America 3
POL 569 Political Dynamics of Latin America 3
SOC/AMS 332 The United States in Global Context 3
SOC 531 Global Social Change 3

1. A minimum grade point average of 3.5 in all courses taken to complete the major, and a minimum overall GPA of 3.25.
2. Completion of a study abroad or a service learning experience related to Latin American and Caribbean Studies
3. Attainment of further foreign language competency equivalent to fourth-semester level in a second European language or second-semester level in an indigenous language

A sample 4-year plan for the BA in Latin American & Caribbean Studies can be found here: Latin American & Caribbean Studies (http://catalog.ku.edu/liberal-arts-sciences/latin-american-caribbean-studies/ba-bgs/ba), or by using the left-side navigation.

A sample 4-year plan for the BGS in Latin American & Caribbean Studies will be coming soon.

Departmental Honors

Honors in the Major: To attain the designation of departmental honors, students must fulfill all of the above requirements plus the following: