



Latino/Latin American Studies



Today, Latinos make up nearly 20% of the United States population, and by 2060, the Pew Research Hispanic Trends Project predicts that Latinos will comprise about one-third of the United States population.

If you want to learn about this significant, culturally-rich, diverse, and colorful population, then Latino/Latin American Studies (LLS major) or Chicano/Latino Studies (CLS minor) is right for you. With more than 60 classes to choose from, you can design your own specialty and learn about a myriad of subjects from a variety of disciplines including Art, Literature, Geography, History, Political Science, Sociology, Social Work and Spanish. LLS or CLS is a great compliment to any program of study, and will prepare you for the future.

Globalization and recent developments have opened up more opportunities in the U.S. and Latin America for university graduates who understand Latino/Latin American cultures, peoples, languages, histories, arts, politics, etc. A major in LLS or minor in CLS gives you the chance to combine your academic studies with real-world understanding, passion and engagement to enhance your future possibilities. It's easy to supplement your existing program of study with a double- or triple-major in LLS or minor in CLS to strengthen your future prospects and marketability in this increasingly globalized world.

Course Highlights:

- Music in Latin American Culture
- Immigration Law & Latinos
- Latin American Politics
- Latin American Migrations
- Latino Health Issues in the U.S.
- Latin American Film
- Latin American Study Abroad

Knowledge & Skills Gained as a Latino/Latin American Studies Major:

Knowledge:

- Students gain a comprehensive understanding of Latino and Latin American peoples, societies and cultures. Coursework includes topics such as: urban growth; education; economic, racial and ethnic disparities; the environment; political mobilization; human rights; migration; language shifts; and cultural creations.

Skills:

- Understanding the global contexts which influence modern society and culture
- Increased proficiency in languages as well as excellent writing and critical thinking skills.
- Problem-solvers, team players and ethical professionals ready to meet the challenges of globalism and doing business across borders

Latino/ Latin American Studies Major at a glance:

Number of majors: 20

Degrees offered: B.A.

Credit hours needed: 30

Minor offered: Yes (18 credits)



Career Opportunities:

By nature, Liberal Arts majors make great employees in any field because of their ability to communicate effectively, think critically and solve complex problems. These timeless skills make them attractive to employers in all walks of society. Specifically though, Latino/Latin American Studies majors often pursue careers as:

- Immigration Law
- Non-profit Management
- Teacher
- Community Liaison /Outreach
- Counselor
- Government

When the Latino/Latin American Studies major is matched with complementary minors and thoughtful internships, new possibilities arise. A few examples are:

- **LLS** + Sociology + internship = Bilingual Community Activist
- **LLS** + Sociology + Political Science + Internship = Research Analyst
- **LLS** + Sociology + International Studies + Internship = Researcher/Writer on Latin America
- **LLS** + Political Science + Internship = Consultant for state government
- **LLS** + Spanish + Internship = Translator/Interpreter/ Court Reporter
- **LLS** + Spanish + Education = Bilingual Education Specialist/Teacher
- **LLS** + International Studies + Internship = Intercultural/International Relations Expert
- **LLS** + Business + Internship = International business analyst
- **LLS** + Communication/Journalism = Foreign Correspondent

Student Opportunities:

- Annual Fall Student Luncheon
- OLLAS Charla Series
- Cinemateca Biennial Bilingual Film Series
- Cumbre (Summit) of the Great Plains
- Student worker employment
- Internships

Did you know?

Latinos are the region's fastest growing population. Nebraska's hispanic population grew 70% to 167,405 between 2000 and 2012. The Omaha - Council Bluffs Metro Hispanic population increased 95% during the same period.

For more information:

For program information, contacts and course requirements:

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