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Latino/Latin American Studies

Are you ready to expand your education beyond the classroom and across borders? The Office of Latino/Latin American Studies (OLLAS) is ready to help you take that step.

Today, Latinos make up more than 17% of the United States population, and they will continue to account for most of Nebraska's population growth. Nebraska is one of 17 states with a kindergarten population that is more than 20% Latino. Understanding the multiple root causes and socio-economic, political and cultural impacts of these population trends as an educated professional and engaged citizen has become a critical component of a true liberal arts education. OLLAS was created to ensure that our students have the education and the skills needed to understand the connection of Latinos, Latin America and some of the most important issues of our times. Those issues include migration and human mobility, economic growth paired with growing inequality, ethnic markets and Latino business growth; the emergence of new cultural traditions and sounds; and the complicated relationship between the U.S. and Latin America. Graduate schools and smart employers today demand a more sophisticated understanding of these trans-border issues and populations. Our society and our communities need professionals who can articulate policies and programs that are informed by research and lead to sustainable development and social change. If you want to improve your understanding of these issues and acquire the skills to address them through specialized courses, study abroad and culturally appropriate community engagement, then a Latino/Latin American Studies (LLS) major or a Chicano/Latino Studies (CLS) minor can be the perfect fit for you.

Course Highlights:

- Introduction to Chicano/Latino/Latin American Studies
- Immigration Law & Latinos
- Latin American and Latino Politics
- Urban Segregation and Latinos/Latin America
- Migration, Development & Citizenship
- Music in Latin American Culture
- Latino Health Issues in the U.S.
- Latin American Study Abroad

OLLAS is especially attentive to the mentoring and advising needs of first-generation and ethnically diverse college students.

It's easy to supplement your existing program of study with a double- or triple- major in Latino/Latin American Studies or a minor in Chicano/Latino Studies to improve your future career prospects. With more than 60 classes to choose from, you can design your own specialty by selecting approved courses that include Art, Literature, Geography, History, Political Science, Sociology, Anthropology, Social Work and Spanish.

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

Knowledge:

- Students gain a comprehensive understanding of the social, economic, political, and cultural forces shaping the experiences of diverse Latino and Latin American populations and their communities in the United States and throughout the Americas.

Skills:

- Ability to become a problem-solver, team player and ethical professional ready to meet the challenges of globalism and conducting business across borders and cultures
- Ability to design and conduct research related to Latino/Latin American Studies
- Capacity to articulate critical issues associated with Latino populations and Latin American societies regardless of career focus

Latino/ Latin American Studies Major at a glance:

Degrees offered: B.A. & BGA concentration

Credit hours needed: 30

Minor offered: Yes (18 credits)

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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, LLS majors and CLS minors often pursue careers as:

- Immigration, Human Rights and Civil Rights Law
- Non-profit Management
- Community outreach, services and organizing
- Government
- Business and Corporate sectors in areas with target demographics
- Education and Health in areas with target demographics
- Art, graphic design and IT sectors seeking to employ graduates whose creativity is informed by cross-cultural and transnational skills.

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

- **LLS+** Political Science + internship = Policy Analyst and Election Researcher
- **LLS** + Education = Teacher; Bilingual Education Specialist (with Spanish)
- **LLS** + History = Museum Curator
- **LLS** + Pre-Med + internship = Culturally Competent Medical Professional
- **LLS** + Business + Internship = Global Logistics Supervisor for Retailers
- **LLS** + Public Relations + Internship = Spanish-Language Reporter/Marketing

Student Opportunities

- Student worker/work study employment
- Internships in government, non-government and private sectors
- Next Generation Leadership Scholarship (NGLS)
- Study Abroad and international service learning in Peru and other Latin
- American countries
- Volunteering for cultural, academic and community activities
- Applied research with faculty and peers
- In-depth, bilingual, grassroots community engagement and service learning

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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