

International Studies - Latin America Major (B.A.)

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Undergraduate Program in International Studies

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Program Overview

Knowledge of the interdependent world in which we live and work is essential to all citizens. Through pursuit of the Bachelor of Arts in International Studies degree students develop international competence which involves understanding other peoples and societies well enough to work effectively with them on a broad range of common problems. The degree calls for the education and training of persons who are proficient in a language other than their own and who understand the history, culture, goals, aspirations and world view of a people utilizing that language.

The Latin American Studies major promotes a greater understanding of Latin America through academic coursework, study abroad and language acquisition. At Ohio University nearly twenty-five faculty members from ten disciplines are dedicated Latin American scholars. The field work they conduct in Ecuador, Mexico, Brazil, Paraguay, Nicaragua, Honduras, and elsewhere in Latin America has produced an impressive list of academic publications. The faculty's research and experience in the region create an intellectual atmosphere where students are challenged to understand Latin America within a context of regional and global change.

Admissions Information

Any student admitted to the College of Arts and Sciences is eligible to enter this program. Potential OU students should contact Admissions for complete information about admissions procedures and requirements.

Opportunities Upon Graduation

International Studies alumni find meaningful post-bachelaureate opportunities in their chosen fields of education, the non-profit world, public policy, the business sector and more.

University wide Graduation Requirements

To complete this program, students must complete all University wide graduation requirements.

College-level Requirements

Please see the appropriate college listing for college-level academic requirements.

Core International Studies Courses

- [ANTH 101 - Introduction to Cultural Anthropology](#) Credit Hours: 5
- [POLS 250 - International Relations](#) Credit Hours: 4

Comparative/International Studies

Complete 12 hours from the following:

- [AAS 364 - Comparative Study of Injustice](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [ANTH 340 - Applied Anthropology](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [ANTH 345 - Gender in Cross-Cultural Perspective](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [ANTH 350 - Economic Anthropology](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [ANTH 351 - Political Anthropology](#) Credit Hours: 4

- [ANTH 353 - Anthropology of Violence and Peace](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [ANTH 355 - Medical Anthropology](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [ANTH 357 - Anthropology of Religion](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [ANTH 376 - Culture Contact and Change](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [B A 329 - Current Global Issues in Business](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [B A 385 - Multinational Business](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [BUSL 385 - International Business Law](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [CLWR 181 - Introduction to Religion](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [ECON 312 - Economics of Poverty](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [ECON 340 - International Trade](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [ECON 350 - Economic Development](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [EDCS 205 - Learning from Non-Western Cultures](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [ENG 355 - Studies in World Literature](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [ENG 453 - Studies in World Literature](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [FILM 421 - International Film I](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [GEOG 131 - Globalization and the Developing World](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [GEOG 326 - Urban Geography](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [GEOG 329 - World Economic Geography](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [GEOG 336 - Geography of Religious Space and Place](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [GEOG 348 - Gender, Environment, and Development](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [GEOG 428 - Migration and Development](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [HIST 327 - Slavery in the Americas](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [MGT 484 - International Comparative Management](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [MUS 121 - Introduction to World Music](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [PHIL 440 - Contemporary Social Philosophy](#) Credit Hours: 5

- [POLS 230 - Comparative Politics](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [POLS 340 - The Politics of Developing Areas](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [POLS 429 - Comparative Public Administration](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [POLS 449 - Nationalism and Ethnic Conflict](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [POLS 455 - International Law](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [POLS 456 - International Organizations](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [POLS 457 - National Security in the Post-Cold War World](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [POLS 458 - War And Its Causes](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [POLS 460 - International Political Economy](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [POLS 490C - Causes Of War](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [POLS 490N - Terrorism](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [POLS 490P - Intn'L Human Rights Org](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [POLS 490Q - Nationalism & Ethnic Conf](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [SOC 230 - Sociology of Poverty](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [SOC 414 - Contemporary Social Movements](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [SOC 421 - Comparative Studies of Family](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [WS 410 - Global Feminisms](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [WS 411 - Women and Globalization](#) Credit Hours: 4

Environmental Literacy

Complete 12 hours from the following:

- [ANTH 378 - Human Ecology](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [BIOS 220 - Conservation and Biodiversity](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [BIOS 275 - Ecology in the 21st Century](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [ECON 313 - Economics of the Environment](#) Credit Hours: 4

- [GEOG 201 - Environmental Geography](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [GEOG 241 - Global Issues in Environmental Geography](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [GEOG 315 - Landforms and Landscapes](#) Credit Hours: 5
- [GEOG 321 - Population Geography](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [GEOG 348 - Gender, Environment, and Development](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [GEOG 353 - Environmental Planning](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [GEOG 417 - Landscape Ecology](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [GEOL 211 - Introductory Oceanography](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [GEOL 215 - Environmental Geology](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [GEOL 231 - Water and Pollution](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [GEOL 330 - Principles of Geomorphology](#) Credit Hours: 5
- [PBIO 209 - Plant Ecology](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [PBIO 322 - Tropical Plant Ecology](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [SOC 481 - Environmental Sociology](#) Credit Hours: 4

Latin American Area Studies

- [INST 121 - Interdisciplinary Survey of Latin America](#) Credit Hours: 4
- in addition to 24 more hours of Latin American Area Studies courses out of 3 departments from the below list:

Latin American Studies courses

- [ANTH 367 - South American Prehistory](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [ANTH 370 - Mexican/Central American Prehistory](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [ANTH 383 - Cultures of Latin America](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [A H 331 - Pre-Columbian Art](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [ECON 474 - Economics of Latin America](#) Credit Hours: 4

- [GEOG 335 - Geography of Latin America](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [GEOG 428 - Migration and Development](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [HIST 323A - Latin American History: The Colonial Era](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [HIST 323B - Latin American History: The 19th Century](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [HIST 323C - Latin American History: The 20th Century](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [HIST 323D - History of Brazil](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [HIST 323E - The History of Modern Mexico](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [HIST 325 - History of U.S.-Latin American Relations](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [HIST 327 - Slavery in the Americas](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [HIST 424 - Colloquium in U.S./Latin American Relations](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [HIST 426 - Dictatorship in Latin American History](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [HIST 427 - Studies in Recent Latin American History](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [ILML 334\(A-Z\) - Portuguese and Brazilian Literature in English](#) Credit Hours: 4
- (When topic is Latin American Literature)
- [ILML 336\(A-Z\) - Spanish Literature in English](#) Credit Hours: 4
- (When topic is Latin American literature)
- [INST 495 - Internship](#) Credit Hours: 1 to 15
- Students must find their own placement and have it approved by the instructor of record. A maximum of 8 credit hours will count towards the major or certificate.
- [POLS 434 - Government and Politics of Latin America](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [POLS 435 - Revolution in Latin America](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [POLS 436 - Politics Of Brazil](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [POLS 479 - Latin American Political Thought](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [SPAN 345 - Business Spanish](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [SPAN 349 - Spanish American Civilization and Culture](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [SPAN 350 - Mexican Civilization and Culture](#) Credit Hours: 4

- [SPAN 351 - Mayan Civilization and Culture](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [SPAN 352 - Yucatecan Civilization](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [SPAN 354 - Dramatizations of the Hispanic World](#) Credit Hours: 4
- (When topic is Latin American Literature)
- [SPAN 355 - Fictions of the Hispanic World](#) Credit Hours: 4
- (When topic is Latin American literature)
- [SPAN 356 - Poetic Images of the Hispanic World](#) Credit Hours: 4
- (When topic is Latin American literature)
- [SPAN 438 - Hispanic Dialectology and Sociolinguistics](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [SPAN 441 - Stylistics](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [SPAN 443 - Survey of Spanish American Literature](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [SPAN 444 - Survey of Spanish American Literature](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [SPAN 447 - Themes from Spanish American Prose](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [SPAN 448 - Contemporary Spanish American Literature](#) Credit Hours: 4

Study Abroad/Internship

Complete at least one quarter-length, Advisor approved study abroad or internship experience which compliments area and language of study.

Language

With Advisor's approval, complete either 3 years of coursework in a single language, 2 years of each of 2 different languages, or demonstration of equivalency. At least one of the languages studies must match area of study and education abroad destination/internship focus. Students may petition their Advisor to have a language they take elsewhere fulfill the requirement.

Latin American Languages Taught at OU

Spanish, Portuguese

