

LATIN AMERICAN & LATINX STUDIES, BA

The Latin American and Latinx Studies (LALS) Program offers an interdisciplinary major and minor to study the history, arts, languages, cultures, societies, politics, and/or regional organizations of Latin American and Caribbean countries as well as Latinx communities and individuals in the United States. With courses offered across many departments in the School of Arts and Sciences, in study abroad programs taught throughout Latin American cities, and with academically based community service courses with Latinx organizations in the Greater Philadelphia area, the LALS major and minor afford our students a very comprehensive approach to Latin American and Latinx Studies as well as the possibility of a flexible curriculum, where students can pursue and combine their academic interests.

The minimum total course units (<https://www.college.upenn.edu/credits-needed-major/>) for graduation in this major is 32. Double majors may entail more course units.

Students must satisfy the Language Requirement (<https://www.college.upenn.edu/language-policy/>) in Spanish or Portuguese.

For more information: <https://lals.sas.upenn.edu/undergraduate/major-requirements/> (<https://lals.sas.upenn.edu/undergraduate/major-requirements/>)

For information about the General Education requirements, please visit the College of Arts & Sciences Curriculum (<https://www.college.upenn.edu/curriculum/>) page.

Code	Title	Course Units
College General Education Requirements and Free Electives		
Foundational Approaches + Sectors ¹ + Free Electives		20
Major Requirements		
<i>Core Cluster Requirement</i>		
Select 1 course in Social Science: Attribute ALSS (http://catalog.upenn.edu/attributes/alss/)		1
Select 1 course in History: Attribute ALHI (http://catalog.upenn.edu/attributes/alhi/)		1
Select 1 course in Criticism: Attribute ALCR (http://catalog.upenn.edu/attributes/alcr/)		1
<i>Regional Experience Prior to 1820</i>		
Select 2 courses in Regional Experience Prior to 1820: Attribute ALRP (http://catalog.upenn.edu/attributes/alrp/)		2
<i>Experiences in the Latinx Diaspora</i>		
Select 1 course of Experiences in the Latinx Diaspora: Attribute ALDI (http://catalog.upenn.edu/attributes/aldi/)		1
<i>Electives</i>		
Select 6 Electives of LALS courses up to the 5000-Level or with: Attribute ALMR (http://catalog.upenn.edu/attributes/almr/)		6
<i>Research Requirement</i>		
LALS 3999	Independent Study (or approved alternative)	
Total Course Units		32

¹ You may count no more than one course toward both a Major and a Sector requirement. For Exceptions, check the Policy Statement (<http://www.college.upenn.edu/sectors-policy/>).

The degree and major requirements displayed are intended as a guide for students entering in the Fall of 2025 and later. Students should consult with their academic program regarding final certifications and requirements for graduation.