LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES PROGRAM

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The bachelor’s degree in Latin American studies presents students with the opportunity to study one of the world’s most diverse and fascinating regions. Contemporary Latin America is the product of a long and turbulent history of conquest, resistance, and cultural mixing. The result is a rich and unique amalgam of African, indigenous, and European cultures. Understanding these complex societies has never been more crucial than it is today since people of Latin American descent represent more than 13% of the population of the United States. Knowledge of Latin American history, culture, society, and politics is indispensable for anyone who seeks to understand the contemporary United States and its place in the world.

Majors in Latin American studies develop a broad expertise in the region while pursuing an individualized program of study that suits their own particular interests. Student improve their language skills and take courses in many disciplines including anthropology, dance, economics, folklore, geography, government, history, and literature. The course work culminates in a seminar where students develop a research project under the mentorship of a faculty expert.

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Berroa (Modern and Classical Languages), Bristol (History and Art History), Burt (Schar School of Policy and Government), Greet (History and Art History), Karush (History and Art History, director), Leeman (Modern and Classical Languages), Lepore (Dance), Meyer (Economics), Rabin (Modern and Classical Languages), Rogers (Modern and Classical Languages), Seligmann (Sociology and Anthropology), Shutika (English), Vivancos-Pérez (Modern and Classical Languages)

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