

# LATIN AMERICAN AND LATINO STUDIES

The Latin American and Latino studies program integrates a series of courses in the humanities, social sciences and the arts designed to acquaint students with the experiences and cultural expressions of Latin America and of the Latino communities in the United States. This interdisciplinary approach aims to expose students to the methods, materials, and tools of various disciplines while addressing two of the program's and the University's interrelated goals: to foster understanding of New York's local immigrant or diasporic Latino communities and to develop effective, international, global citizenship through learning and service. The major prepares students to enter the fields of law, international relations, business and finance, social and foreign service, humanitarian affairs, teaching, Hispanic media and communications, publishing, business, finance, and graduate or professional study.

## Program Activities

### Study Abroad

Study abroad is a rewarding experience in and of itself, but it is especially recommended for LALS majors and minors. Study abroad complements LALS courses while helping students fulfill many of the program's and the University's major goals. It helps students achieve the requisite competency in Spanish and gain a better understanding of Latin America and Spain through cultural immersion and service-oriented courses. To this effect the program has established a series of study abroad opportunities for students, ranging from a spring semester or summer abroad in Granada, Spain, and LALSI-approved study abroad programs throughout Latin America, the Caribbean, and Spain, to LALS-sponsored summer and spring study tours.

Upon return from study in a non-Fordham program abroad, students will be able to count toward the major up to four (4) courses for two semesters of study or three (3) courses for one semester of study abroad; and up to two (2) courses toward the minor. For Fordham study abroad programs, such as our summer or spring semester abroad in Granada, LALS majors and minors will be able to count all relevant courses taken abroad. If the student has already declared a LALS major or minor, ideally these courses should be approved prior to going abroad by a LALS faculty adviser.

For more information on studying abroad, please visit the International and Study Abroad Programs page or email [isap@fordham.edu](mailto:isap@fordham.edu).

## LALS-Sponsored Programs

### Summer and spring semester programs in Granada, Spain

Granada, a world heritage site, is one of the most beautiful and historically-rich cities in the world. It was the hometown of the poet Federico García Lorca, a center of flamenco culture, and a place of intersection for European, North African, and Latin American cultures and scholarship. For a summer or a semester, students will have the opportunity to live in this wondrous city, study the works of García Lorca and Spanish and Latin American cultures, and partake in cultural visits and tours of Andalusia (Andalucía), the region where Granada is located. Interested students should contact Dr. Rafael Lamas at [lamas@fordham.edu](mailto:lamas@fordham.edu).

## Other LALS-Sponsored Programs

LALS often sponsors study-tour courses in Latin America which offer in-depth, on-site study of the history, arts, and culture of a Latin American city or country. Past courses have included:

- A spring study tour on the colonial artistic traditions of Mexico in Mexico City with Dr. Barbara Mundy (art history); on peace, reconciliation initiatives, and service to communities of displaced families in Bogotá, Colombia, with Dr. Cruz-Malavé (modern languages and literatures) and Dr. Lenis (dean); and on migration in Puebla, Mexico, with Dr. Lindo-Fuentes (history).
- A summer course on the development of Cuban culture since the 1959 Revolution in Havana, Cuba, with Dr. Arnaldo Cruz-Malavé (modern languages and literatures), hosted by Casa de las Américas, Cuba's premier cultural institute.
- LALS will be offering spring study tours on the politics of memory in Santiago, Chile, with Dr. Carl Fischer (modern languages and literatures), on contemporary culture in Havana, Cuba, with Dr. Cruz-Malavé (modern languages and literatures), and on public health in Cali, Colombia, with Dr. Lenis (dean) and Mr. Renaldo Alba (associate director, CSTEP).

## Institute Resources

In addition to offering a major and minor, the Latin American and Latino studies program sponsors an institute that provides an intellectual home for students and faculty who are interested in Latin America and the Latino immigrant or diasporic communities in the United States: LALSI acts as a clearinghouse for information for faculty and students, invites speakers, organizes conferences and film series, and maintains video and journal collections for the use of its faculty and students. In addition, it sponsors visiting scholars; networks of scholarly exchange between Latin America and the United States, especially on issues pertaining to the relationship between Latin America and its diasporas; and fosters understanding of and service in Latin America through its study abroad programs and study tours of Latin America. Its newsletter, *Boletín*, which is published twice a year, documents the program's multiple academic events as well as the research, educational, and service activities of its faculty and students. All *Boletín* issues are available online at [www.fordham.edu/lalsi](http://www.fordham.edu/lalsi).

## Prestigious Fellowship Opportunities

LALS students have won many prestigious fellowships, including Fulbright Awards, which allow students to pursue their own research abroad. Students need to plan early (preferably in their sophomore year) if they wish to compete for a prestigious fellowship. See the director or associate director for more information.

## For more information

Visit the Latin American and Latino Studies Institute web page.

## Programs

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