

# LATINO STUDIES (BA)

Department Website (<http://as.nyu.edu/latinostudies/>)

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## Program Description

Housed in the Department of Social and Cultural Analysis (SCA), Latino studies aims to produce knowledge about people of Latin American descent living in the United States and to integrate this knowledge into the country's understanding of itself. Latino is a concept grounded in the United States, and Latino studies, in this respect, is clearly distinct from Latin American studies. The program examines such topics as the dynamics of race, class, nationality, generation, language, gender, and sexuality among different Latino subgroups; Pan-Latino/a visions; comparative interethnic dynamics, particularly relations among Latinos, African Americans, and Asian Americans; transnational linkages and communities, migratory circuits, and transcultural processes; and interactions between U.S. groups and "home" populations.

NYU's Latino studies program has a distinctive profile that gives it intellectual weight. Its location in New York City makes possible a program built around synergy among the arts, social sciences, and humanities. It offers students training in both field-based and archival research, including opportunities abroad. And finally, it promotes the study of bilingualism, of the politics of language, and of cultural texts, and offers courses designed to develop bilingual research abilities. Existing resources in Spanish and Portuguese support this aim, and the city is a valuable laboratory for research on languages in contact.

## Honors Program

Majors who have completed 48 credits of graded work in CAS and have a 3.65 GPA or higher (both overall and in the major) are encouraged to register for SCA-UA 92 in the fall semester of their senior year. Upon successful completion of the seminar requirement, students will be eligible to register for SCA-UA 93 in the spring. Information about honors can be found at [as.nyu.edu/sca](http://as.nyu.edu/sca) (<https://as.nyu.edu/sca.html>).

## Admissions

New York University's Office of Undergraduate Admissions supports the application process for all undergraduate programs at NYU. For additional information about undergraduate admissions, including application requirements, see [How to Apply](https://www.nyu.edu/admissions/undergraduate-admissions/how-to-apply.html) (<https://www.nyu.edu/admissions/undergraduate-admissions/how-to-apply.html>).

## Language and Linguistic Competency

The type of rigorous intercultural study promoted within the Department of Social and Cultural Analysis requires students to recognize the complex modes of communication at work both within and across different social groups. Latino studies therefore strongly encourages its students to develop advanced skills in Spanish, Portuguese, and/or any indigenous languages spoken in the Americas by any of the following means: taking elective courses in sociolinguistics; studying these languages beyond the minimum level required by the College of Arts and Science; pursuing community-based internship fieldwork necessitating the development and use of specific language skills; or undertaking study or research abroad in contexts entailing the exercise of key language or linguistic capabilities.

## Program Requirements

The major requirements (36 credits) must be completed with a C or better.

| Course                                   | Title  | Credits    |
|--|--|------------|
| <b>General Education Requirements</b>    |  |            |
| First-Year Seminar                       |  |            |
| EXPOS-UA 1                               | Writing The Essay:   | 4          |
| Foreign Language <sup>1</sup>            |  | 16         |
| Quantitative Reasoning                   |  | 4          |
| Physical Science                         |  | 4          |
| Life Science                             |  | 4          |
| Texts and Ideas                          |  | 4          |
| Expressive Culture                       |  | 4          |
| <b>Major Requirements</b>                |  |            |
| <i>Introductory Courses</i>              |  |            |
| SCA-UA 101                               | Social and Cultural Analysis 101                                       | 4          |
| CORE-UA 529                              | Cultures & Contexts: Contemporary Latino Cultures (offered every fall) | 4          |
| <i>Elective Courses</i>                  |  |            |
| Select six elective courses <sup>2</sup> |  | 24         |
| <i>Research Course</i>                   |  |            |
| SCA-UA 90                                | Advanced Research Seminar  | 4          |
| <b>Electives</b>                         |  |            |
| Other Elective Credits                   |  | 48         |
| <b>Total Credits</b>                     |  | <b>128</b> |

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The foreign language requirement is satisfied upon successful completion through the Intermediate level of a language. This may be accomplished in fewer than 16 credits, but those credits must then be completed as elective credit.

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Six designated Latino studies electives, of which four must be taught by SCA faculty. SCA-UA 42 is no longer required but is highly recommended and can count as an elective.

## Sample Plan of Study

| Course                                | Title   | Credits   |
|---------------------------------------|---|-----------|
| <b>1st Semester/Term</b>              |   |           |
| CORE-UA 529                           | Cultures & Contexts: Contemporary Latino Cultures (must be taught by SCA faculty) | 4         |
| Foreign Language I                    |   | 4         |
| First-Year Seminar                    |   | 4         |
| Other Elective Credits                |   | 4         |
| <b>Credits</b>                        |   | <b>16</b> |
| <b>2nd Semester/Term</b>              |   |           |
| SCA-UA 101                            | Social and Cultural Analysis 101  | 4         |
| Foreign Language II                   |   | 4         |
| Texts and Ideas                       |   | 4         |
| EXPOS-UA 1                            | Writing The Essay:  | 4         |
| <b>Credits</b>                        |   | <b>16</b> |
| <b>3rd Semester/Term</b>              |   |           |
| Major Elective (#1 of 6) <sup>1</sup> |   | 4         |
| Quantitative Reasoning                |   | 4         |
| Foreign Language III                  |   | 4         |

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|--------------------------|---------------------------|------------|
| Other Elective Credits   | 4                         |            |
| <b>Credits</b>           | <b>16</b>                 |            |
| <b>4th Semester/Term</b> |                           |            |
| Major Elective (#2 of 6) | 4                         |            |
| Expressive Culture       | 4                         |            |
| Foreign Language IV      | 4                         |            |
| Other Elective Credits   | 4                         |            |
| <b>Credits</b>           | <b>16</b>                 |            |
| <b>5th Semester/Term</b> |                           |            |
| Major Elective (#3 of 6) | 4                         |            |
| Physical Science         | 4                         |            |
| Other Elective Credits   | 4                         |            |
| Other Elective Credits   | 4                         |            |
| <b>Credits</b>           | <b>16</b>                 |            |
| <b>6th Semester/Term</b> |                           |            |
| Major Elective (#4 of 6) | 4                         |            |
| Major Elective (#5 of 6) | 4                         |            |
| Life Science             | 4                         |            |
| Other Elective Credits   | 4                         |            |
| <b>Credits</b>           | <b>16</b>                 |            |
| <b>7th Semester/Term</b> |                           |            |
| Major Elective (#6 of 6) | 4                         |            |
| Other Elective Credits   | 4                         |            |
| Other Elective Credits   | 4                         |            |
| Other Elective Credits   | 4                         |            |
| <b>Credits</b>           | <b>16</b>                 |            |
| <b>8th Semester/Term</b> |                           |            |
| SCA-UA 90                | Advanced Research Seminar | 4          |
| Other Elective Credits   |                           | 4          |
| Other Elective Credits   |                           | 4          |
| Other Elective Credits   |                           | 4          |
| <b>Credits</b>           |                           | <b>16</b>  |
| <b>Total Credits</b>     |                           | <b>128</b> |

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All chosen from designated Latino Studies Electives; of the six courses, four must be taught by SCA faculty.

## Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of program requirements, students are expected to have developed:

1. Critical thinking tools for the analysis of social, cultural, and political formations.
2. Familiarity with theories for the study of race, class, ethnicity, gender, sexuality, space, and nation.
3. Proficiency in written and oral communication.
4. The ability to produce original research on topics relevant to the major using textual/literary, archival, ethnographic, and/or quantitative research methods.
5. Engagement and familiarity with primary texts in Latino Studies.

## Policies

### Double Counting of Courses

#### Major

Majors may share (double count) two courses with a second major, with permission from the other department/program.

#### Minor

Minors may share (double count) one course with a major or a second minor, with permission from the other department/program.

## NYU Policies

University-wide policies can be found on the New York University Policy pages (<https://bulletins.nyu.edu/nyu/policies/>).

## College of Arts and Science Policies

A full list of relevant academic policies can be found on the CAS Academic Policies page (<https://bulletins.nyu.edu/undergraduate/arts-science/academic-policies/>).