

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 US 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 Senior Honors Seminar 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 Senior Honors Thesis in the spring. Information about honors can be found at as.nyu.edu/sca (<https://as.nyu.edu/sca.html>).

Language and Linguistic Competency

The department 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.

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>).

Program Requirements

The major requires nine 4-credit courses (36 credits) completed with a C or better (courses graded Pass/Fail do not count) as outlined

below. Students who do not take a Cultures and Contexts course as the second introductory course for the major must still take CORE-UA 5xx as a graduation requirement.

Course	Title	Credits
General Education Requirements		
First-Year Seminar		4
EXPOS-UA 1	Writing as Inquiry	4
Foreign Language ¹		16
Quantitative Reasoning		4
Physical Science		4
Life Science		4
Texts and Ideas		4
Expressive Culture		4
Major Requirements		
<i>Introductory Courses (Two)</i>		
SCA-UA 101	Social and Cultural Analysis 101	4
Select one of the following:		4
CORE-UA 529	Cultures & Contexts: Contemporary Latino Cultures	
CORE-UA 534	Cultures & Contexts: The Black Atlantic	
CORE-UA 539	Cultures & Contexts: Asian / Pacific / American Cultures	
SCA-UA 230	Intersect: Race, Gender, & Sexuality in U.S. Hist	
SCA-UA 747	Introduction to Native American and Indigenous Studies: The Politics of Indigeneity	
URBS-UA 102	The City ²	
<i>Elective Courses</i>		
Select six elective courses ³		24
<i>Research Course</i>		
SCA-UA 90	Advanced Research Seminar	4
Electives		
Other Elective Credits		48
Total Credits		128

¹ 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.

² Formerly SCA-UA 601, Approaches to Metropolitan Studies.

³ Six designated Latino studies electives, of which four must be taught by SCA faculty.

Sample Plan of Study

Course	Title	Credits
1st Semester/Term		
Select one of the following (see footnote below): ¹		4
Foreign Language I		4
First-Year Seminar		4
Other Elective Credits		4
Credits		16
2nd Semester/Term		
SCA-UA 101	Social and Cultural Analysis 101	4
Foreign Language II		4
Texts and Ideas		4
EXPOS-UA 1	Writing as Inquiry	4
Credits		16

3rd Semester/Term

Major Elective (#1 of 6) ²	4
Quantitative Reasoning	4
Foreign Language III	4
Other Elective Credits	4
Credits	16

4th Semester/Term

Major Elective (#2 of 6) ²	4
Expressive Culture	4
Foreign Language IV	4
Other Elective Credits	4
Credits	16

5th Semester/Term

Major Elective (#3 of 6) ²	4
Physical Science	4
Other Elective Credits	4
Other Elective Credits	4
Credits	16

6th Semester/Term

Major Elective (#4 of 6) ²	4
Major Elective (#5 of 6) ²	4
Life Science	4
Other Elective Credits	4
Credits	16

7th Semester/Term

Major Elective (#6 of 6) ²	4
Other Elective Credits	4
Other Elective Credits	4
Other Elective Credits	4
Credits	16

8th Semester/Term

SCA-UA 90	Advanced Research Seminar	4
Other Elective Credits		4
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Other Elective Credits		4
Credits		16
Total Credits		128

¹ Select one of the following: CORE-UA 529 Cultures & Contexts: Contemporary Latino Cultures OR CORE-UA 534 Cultures & Contexts: The Black Atlantic OR CORE-UA 539 Cultures & Contexts: Asian / Pacific / American Cultures OR SCA-UA 230 Intersect: Race, Gender, & Sexuality in U.S. Hist OR SCA-UA 747 Introduction to Native American and Indigenous Studies: The Politics of Indigeneity OR URBS-UA 102 The City (Formerly SCA-UA 601 Approaches to Metropolitan Studies).

² All chosen from designated Latino Studies Electives; of the six courses, four must be taught by SCA faculty.

- The ability to produce original research on topics relevant to the major using textual/literary, archival, ethnographic, and/or quantitative research methods.
- Engagement and familiarity with primary texts in Latino Studies.

Policies

Program 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/>).

Learning Outcomes

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

- Critical thinking tools for the analysis of social, cultural, and political formations.
- Familiarity with theories for the study of race, class, ethnicity, gender, sexuality, space, and nation.
- Proficiency in written and oral communication.