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Proposed Language	Existing Language
<p data-bbox="188 233 516 264">(Added language in blue)</p> <p data-bbox="188 268 634 300"><b>Ph.D. in Latin American Studies</b></p> <p data-bbox="188 304 800 741">The Ph.D. in Latin American Studies (LAS) is a small and highly selective program designed to prepare students for a limited number of targeted careers that are best advanced by an interdisciplinary doctorate. Such students would include individuals who seek employment in areas where the ability to do research and teach across disciplines would be an advantage, and where having skills in two disciplines, combined with Latin American area expertise, would be more useful than extensive training within one discipline.</p> <p data-bbox="188 779 477 810"><u>Degree Requirements:</u></p> <p data-bbox="188 848 800 1285">General University rules and regulations pertaining to graduate study at the University of New Mexico are detailed in the UNM Catalog, available at <a href="http://catalog.unm.edu/">http://catalog.unm.edu/</a>. The Latin American Studies Graduate Student Handbook provides more in-depth information to students in the LAS program. The handbook is updated each year, and is available at <a href="http://www.laii.unm.edu/academics/">http://www.laii.unm.edu/academics/</a>. Students are responsible for knowing and abiding by the rules laid out in the UNM Catalog and the LAS handbook.</p> <p data-bbox="188 1323 800 1467">The Ph.D. in Latin American Studies requires a minimum of 48 hours of graduate credit work, plus an additional 18 dissertation credit hours, for a total of 66 credit hours.</p> <p data-bbox="188 1505 800 1860">Students choose 2 concentrations for a total of 42 credit hours, plus 6 credit hours of elective courses. The concentrations include Anthropology, Built Environment (School of Architecture &amp; Planning), Art History, Brazilian Literature, Communication, Economics, Geography &amp; Environmental Studies, History, International Management (Anderson School of Management), Political Science, Public Health (School of Public</p>	<p data-bbox="828 233 1166 264"><b>(Deleted language in red)</b></p> <p data-bbox="828 268 1274 300"><b>Ph.D. in Latin American Studies</b></p> <p data-bbox="828 304 1429 1285">The Ph.D. in Latin American Studies is a very small and highly selective program designed to prepare students for a limited number of carefully targeted careers that require truly interdisciplinary research at the doctoral level. For most academic positions, especially those in the social sciences, a Ph.D. in a single discipline is preferred, and an interdisciplinary degree places job candidates at a distinct advantage. For the following careers or situations, an interdisciplinary Ph.D. in Latin American Studies may offer unique advantages: academic positions in small liberal arts colleges, particularly directing Latin American Studies programs; academic positions in a limited number of programs at research universities, such as in Art History, Colonial Latin American Literatures, and Brazilian Literary and Cultural Studies; academic positions in the Humanities in which a deep knowledge of both Spanish American and Brazilian cultures, histories, or societies is desired; museum curatorship; academic library curatorship; international cultural exchange; international diplomacy; policy studies; major mid-career research projects that would be well-served by an academic degree program.</p> <p data-bbox="828 1323 1429 1614"><b>Applications:</b> In addition to the materials required by the University of New Mexico Office of Admissions, the following items must be submitted directly to the Latin American Studies Program: three letters of recommendation, a letter of intent, an academic writing sample, unofficial copies of transcripts, and GRE scores.</p> <p data-bbox="828 1652 1429 1860"><b>Prerequisite:</b> A master's degree in the concentration from Group A or in Latin American Studies with appropriate areas of concentration is required. Specific entrance requirements may vary depending on the student's intended concentration. Applications</p>

Health), Sociology, Spanish American Literature, and Spanish Linguistics. The LAS handbook provides the requirements for each concentration. Students can choose 21 credit hours in each concentration, so that both concentrations have equal weight, or 15-27 credit hours in each, with a primary and secondary concentration.

Of the 48 total credit hours required for the Ph.D., a minimum of 24 credit hours must be taken after admission to the doctoral program. The Associate Director for Academic Programs must approve any course work taken at the master's level and applied towards the Ph.D.

Competence is required in one Latin American language by the time of degree completion. Competence in more than one Latin American language may be critical in certain areas of study. As such, some concentrations may require competence in a second language. For details, see the LAS handbook. Competence is considered to be successful completion of advanced level course work, or passing a language proficiency examination. Students who have completed an undergraduate or graduate degree in Latin America or Iberia satisfy the language requirements.

A Committee on Studies (COS) must be formed at least one semester before the student plans to take comprehensive examinations. The COS will be composed of at least 2 members from each concentration. The student creates a reading list in consultation with all members of his or her COS and the committee approves the list the semester prior to the scheduled exam. The comprehensive examinations will be coordinated and administered by the LAS program in conjunction with the student's COS.

### **Concentration Requirements**

are screened by the Associate Director for Academic Programs, the LAII Director, the Interdisciplinary Committee on Latin American Studies (ICLAS), and the department of the proposed Group A concentration. Applicants must demonstrate that their academic and career goals cannot be served by a single disciplinary Ph.D. degree and must provide a statement of career aims and a preliminary dissertation proposal that clarifies the necessary integration of two or more disciplines.

### **Degree Requirements**

The program requires a minimum of 54 credit hours of graduate credit work (not including dissertation) beyond the Bachelor's degree. This work must include LTAM 510 Pro-Seminar in Latin American Studies, a concentration from Group A consisting of at least 30 credit hours, and another concentration from Group B consisting of at least 15 credit hours. Group A and B course work may include specific course requirements set by the corresponding departments. The remaining 6 credit hours may be elective credits or additional course credits in either of the concentrations. Of the 54 total credit hours required for the Ph.D., a minimum of 24 credit hours must be taken after admission to the doctoral program. (Any course work taken at the master's level and applied towards the Ph.D. must be approved by both the Associate Director and the student's Committee on Studies.) Course work at UNM must include 15 credit hours in the concentration from Group A and 9 credit hours in the concentration from Group B. Students develop expertise in two areas within each concentration. See concentration requirements listed under Ph.D. in Latin American Studies.

A Committee on Studies (COS) must be formed before the conclusion of the semester preceding the semester in which the student

Students select two concentrations from the following.

Anthropology, Art History, Brazilian Literature and Culture, Built Environment, Economics, Geography and Environmental Studies, History, International Management, Political Science, Public Health, Sociology, Spanish American Literature, and Spanish Linguistics.

Select from the following list of courses for each concentration, in consultation with the Associate Director for Academic Programs and the COS. All courses must contain at least 40% Latin American content; exceptions may be approved by the Associate Director and COS.

**Anthropology**

ANTH 510, 511, 522, 524, 529, 532, 533, 537, 539, 546, 547, 561, 574, 579, 585.

**Art History**

ARTH 500, 511, 512, 529, 549, 550, 560, 580, 583, 585, 590, 593, 594.

**Brazilian Literature and Culture**

PORT \*461, 514, 515, 516, 517, 521, 557, 558, 570, SPAN 502.

**Built Environment (Architecture & Planning)**

ARCH 502, 503, 504, 505, 509, 515, 516, 517, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 534, 541, 542, 544, 551, 552, 563, 564, 581, 590, 591, 592, 593, 661, 662, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695.

CRP 500, 503, 508, 510, 511, 513, 515, 516, 520, 521, 525, 527, 528, 530, 531, 532, 533, 535, 536, 537, 543, 545, 551, 562, 563, 565, 567, 568, 569, 570, 572, 573, 574, 576, 577, 578, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 587, 590, 591, 592, 593, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695.

LA 501, 502, 503, 505, 508, 511, 512, 521, 531, 556, 558, 559, 560, 561, 563, 580, 581, 582, 585, 586, 590, 591, 592, 593, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695.

plans to take comprehensive examinations and a program of studies must be developed and approved by the Associate Director by the end of the second semester. The COS is composed of three members from the student's Group A concentration and two members from the Group B concentration. Under no circumstances are the comprehensive examinations be administered by less than the approved five-member committee.

Comprehensive examinations are given at the completion of all course work in both concentrations. The student creates a reading list in consultation with all members of his or her COS and the list is approved by the COS by at least the semester prior to the written exam. The comprehensive examinations are coordinated and administered by the Associate Director in conjunction with the student's COS. There is a 6-8 hour written examination covering two areas of study within the Group A concentration and a 4-6 hour written examination covering two areas of study within the Group B concentration. The written examination in the Group A concentration is followed by an oral examination in no more than two weeks. All examinations are taken during the same semester.

A separate dissertation committee oversees the doctoral dissertation project. Members of this committee frequently also served on the student's COS. This does not, however, have to be the case. The dissertation committee consists of at least two Latin American Studies faculty members from the Group A concentration (one of whom serves as the chair), one Latin American Studies faculty member from the Group B concentration, and a fourth member from "at large" that is approved by the Associate Director. If the student and committee chair agree, another Latin American Studies faculty member may serve as co-chair. The co-chair would need to be from either the

**Economics**

ECON \*410, \*421, \*423, \*424, \*427, \*429, \*442, \*445, \*466, \*478, 508, 509, 510, 520, 521, 522, 533, 534, 538, 540, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 560, 562, 564, 565, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 595.

**Geography and Environmental Studies**

GEOG 445, 481, 499, 501, 502, 514, 515, 516, 517, 525, 561, 562, 564, 567, 580, 581, 583, 584, 584, 586, 587, 588, 591.

**History**

HIST 518, 560, 570, 571, 573, 574, 576, 577, 629, 643, 644, 645, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 656, 664, 665, 673, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 692.

**International Management**

MGMT 511, 524, 574, 583, 594, 595, 596, 597.

**Political Science**

POLS 510, 511, 512, 520, 521, 525, 540, 541, 551, 552, 570, 580, 581, 582, 584, 585, 681.

**Public Health**

PH 502, 505, 508, 533, 554, 556, 565, 579, 583, 587; ANTH 620; CJ 553, 555; ECON 564; HIST 610; SOC 540; SPAN 439

**Sociology**

SOC \*420, 461, 506, 507, 509, 510, 514, 520, 528, 532, 584.

**Spanish American Literature**

SPAN 438, 502, 504, 531, 536, 601, 631, 639.

**Spanish Linguistics**

SPAN 541, 545, 546, 547, 549.

**Relevant electives outside of the Department may be taken only if pre-approved by the departmental Graduate Committee.**

**Group A or Group B concentration.**

Competence is required in two languages chosen from Spanish, Portuguese, Haitian Creole, or Latin American indigenous languages, by the time of degree completion. Students may petition to substitute a different language if needed for the dissertation. (Basic competence is considered the equivalent of the successful completion of advanced level course work in the primary language and two semesters or more of study in the second language.)

General requirements for the Ph.D. are set forth in earlier pages of this Catalog. Students must write and successfully defend a dissertation.

**Concentration Requirements**

Students select a concentration from Group A and a concentration from Group B.

**Group A:** Anthropology, Art History, Brazilian Literature and Culture, Sociology, Spanish American Literature, and Spanish Linguistics.

**Group B:** Anthropology, Art History, Brazilian Literature and Culture, Economics, History, International Management, Sociology, Spanish American Literature, and Spanish Linguistics.

Select from the following list of courses for each concentration, in consultation with the Associate Director for Academic Programs and the COS. All courses must contain at least 40% Latin American content; exceptions may be approved by the Associate Director and COS. Some of the following courses may have 40% Latin American content only when taught by an LAS instructor. Substitutions for these courses are considered on a case-by-case

basis.

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**Economics**

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### Reason for Request

The proposed changes for the PhD in Latin American Studies would allow students to pursue a more interdisciplinary degree. By eliminating the A and B concentration, students are able to apply equal attention to both fields of study for more cross-disciplinary studies.

Additionally, revisions to the language requirement would provide more flexibility for the student within the chosen fields of study. These proposed changes would allow a student to implement either more or less language learning as seen fit based upon the unique combination of concentrations.



### Impact and Workload Implications

The impact on programmatic resources will be positive, though relatively minor. The impact on the quality of the program will be significant and positive, as the program will allow students to more effectively obtain a PhD in Latin American Studies. No additional faculty or staff resources are needed.

The proposed changes would likely influence admissions to the PhD in Latin American Studies program. It is expected to see an increase in prospective students who wish to obtain a more interdisciplinary degree. No additional faculty or courses will be necessary. The changes would not require any additional resources from the UNM Libraries or IT beyond those associated with slight increases in graduate enrollments in certain courses. No additional specialized collections of information resources would be required.

The proposed revisions for the PhD in Latin American Studies draw entirely on current faculty, currently-offered courses, and a strong library collection. No additional library, budgetary, or faculty resources are required. Furthermore, there is no additional impact on long-range planning. There are no additional proposed courses or requirements that would require resources.