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**Course Information**

Select Appropriate Program

Name of New or Existing Program \*

Select Category   Degree Type

Select Action

**Exact Title and Requirements as they should appear in the catalog. If there is a change, upload current and proposed requirements.**

See current catalog for format within the respective college (upload a doc/pdf file)

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**Does this change affect other departmental program/branch campuses? If yes, indicate below.**

Reason(s) for Request \* (enter text below or upload a doc/pdf file)

See attached. REGISTRAR'S NOTE: This form requests deletion of some concentrations and addition of LTAM 510 as required course for the PhD.

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Upload a document that includes justification for the program, impact on long-range planning, detailed budget analysis and faculty workload implications.\*

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Ph.D. in Latin American Studies (elimination of Political Science concentration from Groups A and B and elimination of History concentration from Group A)

Exact Title

### **Ph.D. in Latin American Studies**

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

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

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

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### **Concentration requirements.**

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

Anthropology: ANTH 510, 511, 522, 524, 529, 530, 532, 533, 536, 537, 539, 540, 546, 547, 561, 562, 570, 574, 579, 584, 585, 587.

Art History: ARTH 500, 511, 512, 529, 549, 550, 560, 580, 583, 585, 588, 593, 594.

Brazilian Literature & Culture: PORT \*461, 514, 516, 517, 521, 557, 558, 570, SPAN 502.

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.

History: HIST 518, 560, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 629, 643, 644, 645, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 655, 656, 664, 665, 673, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 692.

International Management: MGMT 511, 524, 574, 583, 594, 595, 596, 597.

Sociology: SOC \*420, \*461, 506, 507, 508, 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.**

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### **Ph.D. in Latin American Studies**

The Ph.D. in Latin American Studies is a small and highly selective program designed to prepare students for a limited number of targeted careers that are best advanced by an inter-disciplinary doctorate. Such students would include individuals who seek employment in small colleges where the ability to teach across disciplines would be an advantage and those who seek non-academic positions in fields such as museum work, academic library curatorship, international cultural exchange, diplomacy, policy studies, or other roles in which having skills in two disciplines, combined with Latin American area expertise, would be more useful than more extensive training within one discipline. Students primarily interested in academic employment in research institutions will generally be better served by earning a doctorate within a single discipline and may find that an interdisciplinary doctoral degree poses a significant disadvantage, especially in the social sciences. Candidates should be familiar with the preferred degrees for their desired careers before applying to the ~~PhD~~Ph.D. -program.

**Applications:** 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, an academic writing sample, unofficial copies of transcripts, GRE scores, and a letter of intent that includes a statement of career goals, a justification of the need for interdisciplinary studies to meet those goals, including both intellectual and job market considerations, and a preliminary description of the dissertation project that clarifies the necessary integration of two or more disciplines. Applications that do not address all of these issues may not be reviewed.

**Prerequisite:** 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 and students may be required to make up deficiencies with courses that do not count toward the ~~PhD~~Ph.D. Each application for admission is screened by the Interdisciplinary Committee on Latin American Studies and the departments of the projected concentration from Groups A and B before being approved by the Associate Director.

### **Degree Requirements**

The program requires a minimum of 54 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 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 hours in the concentration from Group A and 9 hours in the concentration from Group B. ~~Group A concentrations include: Anthropology, Art History, Brazilian Literature & Culture, Sociology, Spanish American Literature, and Spanish Linguistics. Group B concentrations include Anthropology, Art History, Brazilian Literature & Culture, Economics, International Management, Sociology, Spanish American Literature, and Spanish Linguistics.~~ Students will 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 plans to take comprehensive examinations and a program of studies must be developed and approved by the COS and the Associate Director by the end of the second semester. The COS will be composed of three members from the student's Group A concentration and two members from the Group B concentration. Under no circumstances will the comprehensive examinations be administered by less than the approved five-member committee.

Comprehensive examinations will be 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 scheduled exam. The comprehensive examinations will be coordinated and administered by the Associate Director in conjunction with the student's COS. There will be one 6-8 hour written examination covering two areas of study within the Group A concentration and one 4-6 hour written examination covering two areas of study within the Group B concentration. The written examination in the Group A concentration will be followed by an oral examination in no more than two weeks. All examinations will be 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 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.

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Reason(s) for Request

In spring 2011, the Latin American Studies faculty discussed the interdisciplinary Ph.D. in Latin American Studies in relationship to the academic job market. Admissions to the Ph.D. had been placed in moratorium in November 2007 following the Academic Program Review. In April 2011, LAS Faculty members in Political Science and History decided by majority opinion that students seeking jobs in these two disciplines were better served by completing a Ph.D. in the discipline. Faculty in the remaining disciplines comprising the Ph.D. program decided that the job market holds a number of career opportunities that are uniquely served by an interdisciplinary degree in Latin American Studies and that the Ph.D. should be maintained. At this juncture, ICLAS (the Interdisciplinary Committee on Latin American Studies) decided to accept the elimination of the Group A Concentration options in Political Science and History and the Group B concentration option in Political Science. ICLAS also overwhelmingly voted (8 in favor; 2 opposed) to lift the moratorium on Admissions.

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The elimination of Group A concentration options in Political Science and History reduces workload on faculty in these departments. The elimination of these options also reduces the number of potential applicants to the program.

Because Latin American Studies has no faculty lines, but draws on faculty members from affiliated departments, the reduction in student numbers will not affect the sustainability of the program as a whole.

The changes in course options for each concentration has no impact on faculty workload or budget, as it simply responds to curricular changes in affiliated departments.