



# Latin American and Latina/o Studies Major

Total Major hours: 36  
Suggested hours per semester:

## Major Academic Plan (MAP) for Catalog Year 2023-2024

The catalog is the final authority on CATC and major requirements; this is intended as a tool for planning purposes. Student course sequencing may vary depending on course offerings and other variables.

**Students entering a) without CATC Spanish competency; b) with CATC Spanish competency;  
c) beyond SPAN 331/332 level**

Fall Semester 1	Spring Semester 1	Summer 1
<p>a) LALS 301 Intro to Latin American and Latina/o Studies<sup>1</sup> and SPAN 101 Elementary or SPAN 103 Accelerated or SPAN 201 Intermediate; and</p> <p>b) LALS 301 Intro to Latin American and Latina/o Studies<sup>1</sup> and SPAN 331 Spanish Conversation or SPAN 301 Culture &amp; Grammar Review</p> <p>c) LALS 301 Intro to Latin American and Latina/o Studies<sup>1</sup></p> <p><i>CORE 101: First Year Seminar</i> <i>First Year CATC options-</i></p> <p>d) COMM 101: Oral Comm (2) e) ENGW 103: First-Year Writing f) Thematic Core Course</p>	<p>a) SPAN 102 Elementary or SPAN 201 Intermediate or SPAN 331 Spanish Conversation</p> <p>b) SPAN 331 Spanish Conversation or SPAN 332 Adv. Grammar Comp.</p> <p>c) Approved major elective course<sup>3</sup> or Conditional major elective course<sup>4</sup></p> <p><i>First Year CATC Options:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ BITH 211/ARCH 211: Old Testament</li> <li>▪ BITH 213/ARCH 213: New Testament</li> <li>▪ Thematic Core Course</li> </ul>	<p><i>Consider study, internship or research options – WIN (HoneyRock), Wheaton in the Black Hills, non-major internship, summer research</i></p>
<p><b>Fall Semester 2</b></p> <p>a) SPAN 331 Spanish Conversation* or SPAN 201 and LALS 301 Intro to Latin American and Latina/o Studies<sup>1</sup> or Major Elective Course<sup>3</sup> or Conditional major elective course<sup>4</sup></p> <p>b-c) LALS 301 Intro to Latin American and Latina/o Studies<sup>1</sup> or Major Elective Course<sup>3</sup> or Conditional major elective course<sup>4</sup></p> <p><i>Thematic Core or Core Competency Courses (4-8)</i> <i>BITH 213/ARCH 213: New Testament</i></p>	<p><b>Spring Semester 2</b></p> <p>a) SPAN 332 Adv. Grammar Comp. or SPAN 331 Spanish Conversation or consider study abroad<sup>2</sup> or Major Elective Course<sup>3</sup> or Conditional major elective course<sup>4</sup></p> <p>b-c) Study abroad in Wheaton in Mexico or other approved program<sup>2</sup> or Major Elective Course or Conditional major elective course<sup>4</sup></p> <p><i>Thematic Core Course</i> <i>BITH 315: Christian Thought*</i> <i>Advanced Integrative Seminar?*</i></p>	<p><i>Consider study, internship or research options.</i></p>

<p><b>Fall Semester 3</b></p> <p>Major Elective Course or Conditional major elective course<sup>4</sup> or Study abroad<sup>2</sup></p> <p><i>Advanced Integrative Seminar?*</i> <i>BITH 315: Christian Thought*</i></p>	<p><b>Spring Semester 3</b></p> <p>Major Elective Course or Conditional major elective course<sup>4</sup> or Study abroad in Wheaton in México or other approved program<sup>2</sup></p> <p><i>Advanced Integrative Seminar?*</i> <i>BITH 315: Christian Thought*</i></p>	<p><b>Summer 3</b></p> <p><i>Consider HNGR, internship or research options.</i></p>
<p><b>Fall Semester 4</b></p> <p>Major Elective Course or Conditional major elective course<sup>4</sup> or Study abroad in HNGR<sup>2</sup></p> <p><i>Complete CATC Coursework</i></p>	<p><b>Spring Semester 4</b></p> <p>LALS 494 Senior Seminar<sup>S*</sup></p> <p><i>Complete CATC Coursework</i></p>	<p><b>Summer 4</b></p>

**Notes or Special Guidance for Majors:**

\*Course has prerequisite

<sup>F</sup> Fall only course, <sup>S</sup> Spring only course, <sup>#</sup> Offered every other year

<sup>1</sup> Courses that meet CATC Thematic Core tags (with a max of 3 counting toward graduation) include the following: LALS 301 (DUS, GP), SPAN 335 (GP), SPAN 337 (LE, GP), SPAN 357 (DUS), GPS 301 (VPAV), GPS 302 (HP), GPS 321 (SI). Several other major electives also carry CATC Thematic Core tags.

<sup>2</sup> The Latin American and Latino Studies major requires an academic term abroad of at least one semester. Students may choose HNGR, Wheaton in Mexico, or another approved program. Courses taken in the summer Wheaton in Latin America or Wheaton in Spain can count toward the major. See faculty advisor for more information on program specifics including coursework.

<sup>3</sup> Approved major elective courses include: SPAN 335 Latin American Civilizations and Cultures; SPAN 337 Survey of Spanish American Literature; SPAN 338 Intensive Advanced Spanish; SPAN 357 Latino Cultures in the United States; SPAN 301 Culture and Grammar Review; SOC 385 Social Change in Latin America; MUTC 104 Introduction to Latin American Music; ANTH/HNGR 432 Violence and Peace in Latin America; HIST 291 Latin American History; IR 355 Latin American Politics; GPS 231 Orientation to Study Abroad in Mexico; GPS 301 Survey of Mexican Art; GPS 302 Exploring Mexican History; GPS 321 Engaging Mexican Cultures.

<sup>4</sup> Conditional major elective courses include: HIST 391 Majority World Indigenous Histories; SPAN 352/353 Topics in Spanish Language and Hispanic Literature and Cultures; SPAN 489 Topics in Hispanic Cultures; SPAN 493 Mentoring Seminar; HNGR 484 Global Christian Perspectives; HNGR 496 Internship in Development; PHIL 105 Race and Justice; PHIL 251 Global Justice; BITH 342 Majority World Theology; ANTH 353 Biculturalism; ANTH 324 Anthropology of Global Christianity; ANTH 383 Cities in the Global South; XXX 495 Independent Study, XXX 496 Internship.

The Latin American and Latino Studies major requires 24 hours of courses in Spanish. Study abroad courses taught in Spanish may be counted as LALS major electives. Students who begin their Spanish studies at the 100-level or 200-level can also complete a Latin American and Latina/o Studies major at Wheaton; they would begin taking the 300-level courses following completion of Spanish 201.