



## UNDERGRADUATE MAJOR IN REGIONAL STUDIES - LATIN AMERICA

The **Major** in Regional Studies in Latin America is designed to give undergraduates the general mastery of a discipline and at the same time permit them to do specialized work in the language, history, and culture of the Latin American region. Students take core courses that give them grounding in the language, history, politics, and cultures of Latin America as well as courses in a discipline of choice. The disciplines of choice include anthropology, art history and archaeology, economics, history, music, political science, sociology, Spanish and Portuguese, and urban studies. A minimum of 30 credits is needed to fulfill the requirements for the Major in Regional Studies in Latin America.

### ***Requirements for the Major Latin America and Caribbean Studies:***

Students planning a Major in Latin America and Caribbean Studies must fulfill the program below. The minimum number of credits is 31.

1. Two Spanish and Portuguese courses: one of two basic Latin American Humanities courses, SPAN W3490 or SPAN W3491 (Latin American Humanities I and II), plus another non-language course in the Department of Spanish and Portuguese.
2. Two of the following three History courses: HIST W3660x and HIST W3661y (Latin American Civilization I and II), or History W3618 (The Modern Caribbean).
3. One Political Science course, POLS G4461x (Latin American Politics).
4. A specialization: Four courses in a discipline or theme of choice with substantive focus on Latin America. One of these courses must be a seminar. Students whose disciplines of choice are History or Spanish and Portuguese will have to replace one of these courses with one course with a focus on Latin America in another department, for a total of five courses on their specialization plus a course in another field or discipline. The major's Director of Undergraduate Studies will advise students on areas of specialization and will approve courses with substantial Latin American or Caribbean contents not included in the list of eligible courses (see Appendix 3 for current available courses).
5. One course on Spanish, Portuguese or an indigenous language at the intermediate or advanced level. If students can demonstrate advance knowledge of one of these languages they can replace this course with a course on other languages at any level.

### ***Note:***

Up to 12 credits for requirements 4 and 5 can be earned through study abroad. Students are strongly encouraged to explore study abroad options before their junior year. Upon return, they should submit syllabae and all coursework related to each course taken abroad for approval by the DUS.

### ***Disciplines and themes:***

A list of courses that can fulfill requirements 4 will be updated every year and will be published in the Institute of Latin American Studies' website ([ilas.columbia.edu](http://ilas.columbia.edu)). The list includes any courses offered by faculty affiliated to ILAS or courses with substantive Latin American content in the departments of Spanish and Portuguese, History, Political Science, Anthropology, Sociology, Economics or English, or in the centers for the Study of Ethnicity and Race or Comparative Literatures and Societies, or in the institutes for Research on Women and Gender and Latin American Studies. Students will be able to concentrate on one discipline from the departments listed above or a field of study defined in consultation with the Director of Undergraduate Studies. Examples of these fields are gender, race and ethnicity, the environment, migration, crime and security, international relations.

