

# CONTEMPORARY LATINO AND LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES

This major bridges the fields of Latin American Studies (focusing on the history and cultures of Central and South America) and Latino Studies (focusing on the experience of Chicano/a and Latino/a communities in the United States). Students acquire interdisciplinary perspectives on the indigenous and transnational histories, cultures, and social issues of the Americas.

## BACHELOR OF ARTS (BA) GENERAL OVERVIEW

Spanish language proficiency (level 3 or higher). Examples include:

- AP Spanish Exam Credit
- Spanish for Native Speakers
- Spanish III

Three core courses:

- One Introduction to Latin American Culture Course
- Two Contemporary Latin American Courses

Major interest. Select four courses from one of the following three lists:

- Cultural Heritage of Latin America
- Social Realities in the United States and Latin America
- Latino and Latin American Arts and Media

One capstone course. Examples include:

- Directed Research
- Undergraduate Research Methods
- Research Methods in American Studies and Ethnicity
- Study Abroad

## ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITIES

**Study Abroad:** Students majoring in CLLA are highly encouraged to study abroad in Latin America to deepen their understanding of issues and improve their grasp of the Spanish language. Courses taken abroad will count towards the major's requirements. Semester programs offered include: Argentina, Chile, Nicaragua, Cuba, Guatemala, and Mexico.

**Equity Research Institute:** The mission of the ERI is to use data and analysis to contribute to a more powerful, well-resourced, intersectional, and intersectoral movement for equity. Undergraduate students are encouraged to engage in research and past projects include "The South American Immigrant Journey Through the American Educational System" and the creation of an interactive map of eligible-to-naturalize populations in the U.S.

**Center for Diversity & Democracy:** The CDD works with faculty, students, & community partners to develop connections between efforts of university-community civic engagement and the diversity of university faculty & students. It is committed to strengthening a diverse set of voices, while enabling community members to engage the university as equal partners towards equity and social justice.