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Major: Latin American & Latino Studies, BA

This flexible interdisciplinary major explores the broad dynamics shaping Latin American & Latino experiences and draws courses and insights from multiple humanities and social science fields. The major also serves to deepen Latino students' awareness of their cultural heritage.

What skills do students develop in this program?

Students in Latin American & Latino Studies develop critical thinking, multicultural competence, and effective communication in writing and speaking.

What kind of student is a good fit for Latin American & Latino Studies?

Students interested in developing their ability to communicate in a multilingual and multicultural United States as well as folks interested in using their knowledge of Latin America and Latinos in the US to work in business, education, journalism, law, and social services.

Are there any popular classes in the program that you would suggest or recommended classes for a student who is just starting to explore the major?

- LST 201: Struggle and Resistance in Latin America
- LST 202: Constructing Latino Communities

What are examples of internships and/or research opportunities that students in this major are currently working on or have access to as majors in this program?

Students have done recent internships in sites such as Centro Romero - immigration, the Center for Changing Lives - outreach program, Dr. Pedro Albizu Campus High School - tutoring and restorative practice programs, the Erie House - adult education, Enlace Chicago - immigration, violence prevention, Chicago Public Radio, and more.

What are students doing after graduation?

Among our graduates, one is the president and CEO of Chicago Commons, a neighborhood-focused nonprofit in Chicago, another is the President of the Woods Fund Foundation in Chicago, another is a lawyer and representative in the Illinois General Assembly (103rd) 4th District.

Other interesting facts about the Latin American and Latino Studies major?

The Latin American & Latino Studies major is applicable to so many professions and prepares students for careers in education, government and law, international relations, journalism, communication, business, social work, and community activism.