

## Latin American and Latina/o Studies Major

Total Major hours: 36  
Suggested hours per semester:

### Major Academic Plan (MAP) for Catalog Year 2026-2027

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 102 Elementary or SPAN 201 Intermediate</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>CORE 131: H. Human Flourishing (1)</i> <i>First Year CATC options-</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>COMM 101: Oral Comm (2)</i></li> <li>• <i>ENGW 103: First-Year Writing</i></li> <li>• <i>Thematic Core Course</i></li> </ul>	<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>• <i>COMM 101: Oral Comm (2)</i></li> <li>• <i>ENGW 103: First-Year Writing</i></li> <li>• <i>Thematic Core Course</i></li> </ul>	<p><i>Consider study abroad, internship, or research options – WIN (HoneyRock), Wheaton in the Black Hills, non-major internship, or summer research</i></p>
<p><b>Fall Semester 2</b></p> <p>a) SPAN 201 or SPAN 331 Spanish Conversation* 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> or GPS 231: Orientation to Study Abroad</p> <p><i>GPS 233: Preparation for Off-Campus Study</i> <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><b>Summer 2</b></p> <p><i>Consider study abroad, internship, or research options.</i></p>

<p><b>Fall Semester 3</b></p> <p>a, b, c) Major Elective Course<sup>3</sup> or Conditional major elective course<sup>4</sup> or Study abroad<sup>2</sup></p> <p>GPS 232: Study Abroad Re-Entry Seminar</p> <p><i>Advanced Integrative Seminar, if not already completed*</i>  <i>BITH 315: Christian Thought*</i></p>	<p><b>Spring Semester 3</b></p> <p>a, b, c) Major Elective Course<sup>3</sup> 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, if not already completed*</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>a, b, c): Major Elective Course<sup>3</sup> 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>a, b, c): LALS 494 Senior Seminar<sup>5*</sup></p> <p><i>Complete CATC Coursework</i></p>	<p><b>Summer 4</b></p>

**Notes or Special Guidance for Majors:**

\*Course has a prerequisite

<sup>F</sup> Fall only course, <sup>S</sup> Spring only course

# 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 at Wheaton in Latin America or Wheaton in Spain can count toward the major. See the faculty advisor for more information on program specifics, including coursework.

<sup>3</sup> Approved major elective courses are listed in the [Wheaton College Catalog](#). Students wishing to take other classes should consult with their faculty advisor.

<sup>4</sup> Conditional major elective courses – which must specifically have a topic of Latina/o interest include HIST 391 Majority World Indigenous Histories; SPAN 352/353/439 Topics in Spanish Language and Hispanic Literature and Cultures; SPAN 493 mentoring Seminar.

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.