

## Latin American and Latina/o Studies

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS DEGREE (AA)

REQUIRED CREDITS: 60

DEGREE CODE: LAS-AA

**DESCRIPTION**

This interdisciplinary degree offers courses on Latin America and Latinas/Latinos in the United States. It aims at providing an overview of the historical, political, cultural, financial, psychological, and artistic factors that have contributed to create the current conditions, identity, and diversity of these groups. The program prepares students for further education and careers in areas such as education, humanities, social sciences, business, counseling, and the media.

**STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES**

- Analyze a variety of historical, political, economic, geographic, and social issues that define Latin America and/or U.S. Latina/os.
- Examine the diversity and complexity of cultures, traditions, and artistic expressions found throughout Latin America and/or the U.S. Latina/o population.
- Demonstrate language competency equal to a one-year sequence in Spanish or Portuguese at the college level.

**PLEASE NOTE** - The courses listed below may require a prerequisite or corequisite. Read course descriptions before registering for classes. All MATH and ENG courses numbered 01-99 must be completed before reaching 30 total college-level credits. No course under 100-level counts toward degree completion.

**GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS (35 CREDITS)****MATHEMATICS (3 credits)**

MATH 120 or 124 or above

**ENGLISH COMPOSITION (6-8 credits)**

See AA/AB/AS policy p. 45 for courses

**LITERATURE (3 credits)**

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**ANALYTICAL REASONING (3 credits)**

Required: PHIL 102 Reasoning and Critical Thinking

**NATURAL SCIENCE (7 credits)**

(Two courses from the following, one must include a lab):

AST; BIOL; CHEM 105 or above; ENV; GEOG 103, 104, 117; GEOL; PHYS

**HUMANITIES (6 credits)**

COM 101; and ENG 292 or ENG 293

**FINE ARTS (3 credits)**

ART 267 or ART 278; or MUS 229

**U.S. AND NEVADA CONSTITUTIONS (4-6 credits)**

PSC 101; or HIST 101 and HIST 102; or HIST 101 and HIST 217

**VALUES AND DIVERSITY**

All students MUST fulfill this requirement. Course chosen may also be used to fulfill the corresponding general education or special program requirements. LAS 101 fulfills this requirement.

**SPECIAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (25 CREDITS)****CORE REQUIREMENTS (4 credits)**

LAS 101	Introduction to Latin American Studies	3
LAS 299	Capstone Class in Latin American Studies	1
<b>Elective #1 (3 credits)</b>		
LAS 100	Introduction to Latina/o Studies	3
LAS 210	Hispanic Groups in the United States	3

**SPECIAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS CONTINUED****Elective #2 (choose a group 6-8 credits)***Group 1:*

PORT 111	First Year Portuguese I	4
PORT 112	First Year Portuguese II	4
PORT 211	Second Year Portuguese I	3
PORT 212	Second Year Portuguese II	3

*Group 2:*

SPAN 111	First Year Spanish I	4
SPAN 112	First Year Spanish II	4
SPAN 211	Second Year Spanish I	3
SPAN 212	Second Year Spanish II	3

*Group 3:*

SPAN 126	Introduction to Spanish for Heritage Speakers	3
SPAN 226	Spanish for Heritage Speakers I	3
SPAN 227	Spanish for Heritage Speakers II	3

**Elective #3 (3 credits)**

ENG 211	Introduction to Linguistics	3
LAS 223	Spanish Caribbean Culture	3
LAS 224	Mexican Culture	3

**Elective #4 (choose 9 credits)**

ANTH 214	Introduction to Mesoamerican Prehistory and Archaeology	3
ECON 180	The Economics of Discrimination	3
HIST 227	Introduction to Latin American History and Culture I	3
HIST 228	Introduction to Latin American History and Culture II	3
HIST 247	Introduction to the History of Mexico	3
PSC 205	Latino Politics and Society	3
PSY 224	Introduction to Latino Psychology	3
RST 260	Mesoamerican Religions: Jaguars, Serpents, Trees	3

See Degree Plan on next page.

- NOTE**
- Course numbers with the “B” suffix may be non-transferable for a NSHE baccalaureate degree.
  - Course numbers with the “H” suffix are designated Honors-level courses and can be used to fulfill equivalent general education requirements. For more information visit [www.csn.edu/honors](http://www.csn.edu/honors).
  - In no case, may one course be used to meet more than one requirement except for the Values and Diversity general education requirement (only AA, AS, and AB degrees) which may be used to fulfill the corresponding general education or emphasis requirement.
  - Students may elect to graduate using the degree requirements in effect at the time of matriculation, or when they declared or changed major or the current catalog. If a program is official after a student has matriculated, the student may choose the degree requirements of the new program. In no case may a student use a catalog which is more than six years old at the time of graduation.



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**FULL-TIME STUDENT DEGREE PLAN***Plan can be modified to fit the needs of part-time students by adding more semesters.*

<b>FIRST SEMESTER</b>	<b>Credits</b>
Complete Mathematics (see courses previous page)	3
ENG 100 or 101 or 113	3-5
Complete Natural Science (No Lab – see courses previous page)	3
LAS 101 Introduction to Latin American Studies	3
Complete Elective #2 (see courses previous page)	3-4
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b> .....	<b>15-18</b>

<b>SECOND SEMESTER</b>	<b>Credits</b>
ENG 102 or 114	3
PHIL 102 Reasoning and Critical Thinking	3
Complete Natural Science (With Lab – see courses previous page)	4
Complete Elective #1 (see courses previous page)	3
Complete Elective #2 (see courses previous page) <sup>1</sup>	3-4
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b> .....	<b>16-17</b>

<b>THIRD SEMESTER</b>	<b>Credits</b>
Complete AA/AB/AS Literature p. 45	3
COM 101 Oral Communication	3
Complete Fine Arts (see courses previous page)	3
Complete US/Nevada Constitutions <sup>2</sup> (see courses previous page)	4-6
Complete Elective #4 (see courses previous page)	3
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b> .....	<b>16-18</b>

<b>FOURTH SEMESTER</b>	<b>Credits</b>
ENG 292 or 293	3
LAS 299 Capstone Class in Latin American Studies	1
Complete Elective #3 (see courses previous page)	3
Complete Elective #4 (see courses previous page)	6
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b> .....	<b>13</b>

**DEGREE PLAN TOTAL CREDITS**..... **60-66**<sup>1</sup>Continue with next class in the group you chose to follow in your first semester.<sup>2</sup>PSC 101 completes this requirement at 4 credits. If you choose the HIST option, complete HIST 101 in the 3rd semester and HIST 102 or 217 in the 4th semester.