

"My Latin American and Latino Studies (LALS) classes have been integral in my journey to discover more about my Latino culture and history. On a professional level, I find LALS to be increasingly relevant because of the rising influence of the ever-growing Latino population in our nation.

The LALS courses are convenient because they apply to various majors and are not only interesting but relevant in understanding our nation's cultural structure"

Alicia Vasquez, Junior

Minor

A minor in Latin American and Latino Studies is a combination of International Studies, Political Science, Spanish and History classes totaling 18 credit hours (nine from program foundation courses and nine from electives).

Career Opportunities

Excellent career opportunities exist for those who have an interest in Latin American and Latino Studies. The minor offers a well rounded background in the liberal arts.

- Undergraduates are prepared for careers in government, business, private industry, law, nonprofit organizations, international teaching opportunities, the Peace Corps and military services.
- The combination of another discipline with LALS makes students attractive to many employers who look for specific job skills inclusive of cultural and language understanding and appreciation.

Language Requirement:

Completion of UST core requirement in Spanish at placement level is required or alternative proficiency, as determined by the Modern and Classical Language Department. For students seeking internships, a high intermediate proficiency (ACTFL-Criteria) in Spanish, as determined by MACL, is highly recommended.



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NUMBERS

Enrollment
3,589
undergraduate **1,609**
1,980 graduate
students

from **40** states
and
54 countries

average **class**
size **16**

10:1 student-faculty
ratio

Faculty
94% full-time faculty
hold the highest
degree in their field

Program Mission

- To provide an interdisciplinary, integrated approach to learning by engaging participating students in related disciplines for the purpose of enhancing their readiness for satisfying and successful international life and work.
- To gain knowledge, understanding, and appreciation for Latin America's vital role in forming a meaningful, interdependent world through education, research and exchange partnership experiences.
- To enhance an appreciation for Latin American and Latino history, culture and traditions as they become more salient in the United States.



Latin American and Latino Studies Program

The Southwest United States, specifically the state of Texas and the city of Houston, has a unique cultural history connected to the Latino population. Our neighbors in Latin America have contributed to the transformation of the economics, education and politics of the Southwest and Houston has integrated aspects of Latin American culture in its fabric of daily living.

The University of St. Thomas reflects the growing influence of the Latino population as one third of the student body has a Latino or Latin American background. Through scholarships and a thriving learning environment, the Latin American and Latino Studies Program offers students the opportunity to experience and understand these exciting changes happening in society.

St. Thomas is a good choice when considering a Latin American and Latino Studies program.

Program Description

The Latin American and Latino Studies minor provides students with a balanced and specialized curriculum.

Students will:

- Learn the histories, cultures, and societies of Latin America and Latino students
- Develop critical understanding of their arts, social realities, migration patterns, politics, economics and literature
- Delve into the soul of Latin American and Latino people

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

The University of St. Thomas remains committed to the Catholic intellectual tradition and to the highest ideals of academic excellence.

St. Thomas consistently ranks high among choices of the best education in the nation:

- The Cardinal Newman Society: Named among the top 22 Catholic colleges and universities
- *U.S. News & World Report*: "America's Best Colleges" in the Western region
- The Princeton Review Guide: "Best Western Colleges."

PERSONAL ATTENTION

Small classes allow personal attention that helps you complete your degree on time. Professors know you by name, and dedicated staff members offer the support and services you need to guide you to your undergraduate degree. We want you to learn and succeed.

