The Latin American studies major at University of Wisconsin–Eau Claire allows students to develop an appreciation of Latin American culture, along with proficiency in the Spanish language. At UW–Eau Claire, Latin American studies students can choose from a broad range of courses in anthropology, art history, economics, foreign languages, geography, history, political science, and religious studies. Latin American studies majors are well equipped to enter any field or occupation where contact with Latin America or Latin Americans in the United States is prevalent. The following programs are offered in Latin American studies: a comprehensive teaching major, a comprehensive liberal arts in Latin American studies major, a standard liberal arts in Latin American studies major, and a liberal arts in Latin American studies minor.

Typical interests and values of Latin American studies majors:
- Intellectual growth
- Linguistic ability
- Adaptability
- Patience
- Interest in another culture

Knowledge and skills gained from Latin American studies:

Knowledge:
Latin American studies students take a broad range of classes ranging from economics to art history. Because of the variety of classes, Latin American studies majors and minors gain a general understanding of Latin American culture as well as a proficiency in Spanish. Latin American studies students will also have the ability to think logically and make analogies.

Skills:
- Organize and memorize detailed information
- Attentive listening, clarification, and response
- High proficiency in reading, speaking, and writing
- Proficiency in phonetics and ability to imitate linguistic sounds
- Sensitivity to and understanding of other cultures
- Promoting global perspectives and consciousness
- Providing support for and representing others
- Promoting change
- Perceiving feelings and situations

Related student and professional organizations:

Student:
- Latin American Studies Club (El Club de Estudios Latinamericanos)
- El Club Español
- Sigma Delta Pi, National Hispanic Honor Society

Professional:
- The Society for Latin American Studies (SLAS)
- Consortium of Latin American Studies Programs
- Latin American Studies Association

Career fields related to Latin American studies:

Potential Employers:
Latin American studies graduates can use their education in a variety of fields. In many cases, their positions closely relate to their personal career interests, work values, and transferable skills.

Employers of Latin American studies graduates include: academic and research institutions, cultural organizations, book publishers, museums, and businesses.

Potential Job Titles:
- Employee Relations
- Public Administrator
- Museum Curator
- Business Manager
- Teacher
- FBI Agent
- Diplomat
- Foreign Student Advisor
- Cultural Affairs Officer
- Interpreter
- Market Researcher
- Attorney
- Civil Service Worker
- Journalist
- Foreign Service Officer
Jobs You Might Also Consider...
Adoption Agent  Legal Assistant  - Teacher, ESL/Bilingual
Advertising Copywriter  Travel Agent  - Translator
Court Interpreter  School Counselor
School Psychologist  Archivist
Immigration Officer  Copy Writer
Human Rights Lawyer  Government Official
Library Technician  Translator
Urban/Regional Planner  Lobbyist
Social and Community Service Manager

Sample entry-level jobs held by UW–Eau Claire Latin American studies graduates:
- Youth Counselor, Norwegian Cruise Lines, International
- Spanish Teacher, Chippewa Valley Technical College, Eau Claire, WI
- Bilingual Representative, Wachovia Corporation, Minneapolis, MN
- Director of Immunizations, Migrant Clinicians Network, Austin, TX
- Instructional/Bilingual Assistant, Lawrence Township, Indianapolis, IN
- Student Services Coordinator, UW–Eau Claire, Eau Claire, WI
- English Teacher, Costa Rica, South America

Learn more about Latin American studies:
Department
- Contact UW–Eau Claire’s Latin American Studies Program, Hibbard Humanities Hall 378, 836-4215

Getting Started at Career Services:
- Meet with a career counselor
- Take interest inventory and self-assessment tests
- Utilize Blugold Career Success Network, a database of UW–Eau Claire alumni & friends available for informational interviewing
- Utilize Blugold CareerLink, an online job search database specifically for UWEC students and alum

Relevant Resources at Career Services:
Yellow Section-
- Sigi 3 handouts:
  - Interpreter
  - Journalism (Newspaper/Magazine)
  - Public Administrator/Manager
  - Foreign Service Officer
  - Underwriter

Orange Section-
- “The Internship Series: Internships in International Affairs”
- Computers: Internship Center Database and Blugold Career Link

Blue Section-
- Multiple resources to help you build a resume and cover letter for a career in Latin American studies.

Opportunities to enhance skills in Latin American studies:
Internships
Internships are a way to gain hands-on experience in a position that you may be considering as a potential career. To find an internship in Latin American studies, visit Career Services (Schofield 230) and speak with a career associate. You may also contact your advisor or the head of the Latin American Studies Program about enrolling in an internship.

Study Abroad Experience
Latin American studies majors are expected to study abroad for at least one semester. Students can choose from various approved locations. For more information visit the Latin American Studies Program website.

Midwest Conference on Latin American Studies
The Midwest Conference on Latin American Studies brings together a range of professionals and students to address issues and share ideas on Latin America. For more information, visit the Latin American Studies Program website.

What you can do now:
- Attend viewings of Latin American films hosted by the Spanish Department
- Volunteer for the International Folk Fair
- Join student and professional organizations