The globally interdependent nature of today’s world makes second language proficiency and cross-cultural understanding valuable assets for students in any field. Students in the Latin American Studies program (LAS) can develop a high proficiency in Spanish through the LAS core language courses and study abroad requirements. Students also gain in-depth knowledge and understanding of Latin America and Latinos/Hispanics in the United States through an array of courses from multiple disciplines.

**Majors**

Comprehensive majors (no minor required)
- Latin American Studies - Teaching
- Latin American Studies - Liberal Arts

**Minor**
- Latin American Studies - Liberal Arts

**Where you'll find our grads**
- Non-profit Organization Project Manager, Mayflower Medical Outreach, Jinotega, Nicaragua
- Masters in ELL/Bilingual Education and Bilingual Education teacher, Darlington School District, Darlington, WI
- Interpreter at Interpreter Services, Austin Medical Center-Mayo Health System, Austin, MN
- Fulbright English Teaching Assistants, Brazil and Argentina
- Bilingual Behavioral Health Case Manager, Sea Mar Community Health Centers, Seattle, WA

**Prepared for Success**

The significant Latino/Hispanic population in the United States and the increasing social, cultural and economic interconnectedness between the countries and peoples of the hemisphere will increase the demand for professionals who are both proficient in the Spanish language and prepared to work with Latinos/Hispanics and the people of Latin America. The unique Spanish language requirement in the LAS program provides students with the skills necessary to effectively communicate with Spanish speakers. Students must spend a minimum of six weeks of language immersion either abroad in an approved program in Latin America or participate in an approved alternative intercultural experience. UW-Eau Claire offers a Spanish Living Learning Community to introduce students and the Eau Claire community to the various aspects of the Spanish-speaking world.

Latin American Studies graduates work in a spectrum of fields including language interpretation and translation, international business, domestic and international non-profit organizations, K-12 Spanish and bilingual education, government agencies, and/or further their education through a master’s or doctoral degree.

**Why UW-Eau Claire**

Research Opportunities
Our faculty offer top-notch advising and include students in a variety of research opportunities. For example, students may engage in faculty/student research collaborations, international or domestic internships, diversity mentoring projects, the International Fellows Program and student-designed independent studies.

**Course Work / Pre-Professional Courses**

The interdisciplinary Latin American Studies major and minor programs include extensive coursework in Spanish to provide students with the proficiency necessary to communicate effectively with Spanish speakers. Students are also required to take LAS 150 – Introduction to Latin American Studies along with relevant courses in art, anthropology/geography, history, economics, political science and other disciplines.

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Special Admission Guidelines

Students are strongly advised to enroll in Spanish courses during their first year at the university and not wait until later semesters. This way they may continue with their language training obtained in high school without losing practice and further develop their language proficiency, study abroad and/or participate in an international internship.