Latin American Studies

Overview

Major in Latin American studies and you gain a solid understanding of the economics, politics, history and cultures of the region, along with proficiency in Spanish. You come to know and understand many global and multicultural communities. Your professors guide you in your projects, give you theoretical information and real-world resources, review your writing and discuss important contemporary issues with you. Armed with both academic and real-world experience, you can excel in education, business, government, social work, healthcare, law, media, travel and more.

International Opportunities and Study Abroad

Most Latin American studies majors spend a semester or summer in the region. You might travel with your class and a Connecticut College professor, enroll in a separate program or take an internship to do work or research. Recently, our faculty have led semesters in Mexico and Spain. Our students have interned with grass-roots organizations in Chile and recorded oral histories of disenfranchised women in Nicaragua.

Special Opportunities

Proyecto Comunidad gives you the opportunity to work three to six hours a week in New London's Hispanic community. You may also wish to try the Proyecto Comunidad Shadow Program, which can help you explore career interests, meet potential mentors, do research, gain insight into issues pertinent to the Hispanic community and better understand practical applications of classroom learning.
Faculty

**Leo Garofalo, Associate Professor of History; Director of the Center for the Comparative Study of Race and Ethnicity**
B.A., History & B.A., Hispanic Studies, Brown University; M.A., Boston College; Ph.D., University of Wisconsin at Madison
Latin American and Caribbean history; the history of race and ethnicity; African diaspora and Afro-Latin America; Peru and the Andes

**Robert Gay, Professor of Sociology**
B.A., London University; M.A., Syracuse University; Ph.D., Brown University
Democracy; civil society; organized crime; violence; Brazil

**Luis M. González, Associate Professor of Hispanic Studies**
B.A., Universidad de Alcalá de Henares; Ph.D., Georgetown University
Peninsular literature; Spanish film studies; Spanish cultural studies; culture and ideology

**Frank Graziano, John D. MacArthur Professor of Hispanic Studies**
B.A., University of Arizona; M.F.A., University of Iowa; Ph.D., University of New Mexico
Spanish American cultures; popular Catholicism in Spanish America; undocumented migration

**Julia A. Kushigian, Hanna Hafkesbrink Professor of Hispanic Studies**
B.A., University of Connecticut; M.A., New York University; M.A., M.Phil., Ph.D., Yale University
Gender; culture and race studies in Spanish America; orientalism in the Hispanic tradition

**Aida L. Heredia, Associate Professor of Hispanic Studies**
B.A., Queens College; M.A., SUNY Buffalo
Latin American literature and cultures; Caribbean literature and cultures; critical theory

**Manuel Lizarralde, Associate Professor of Botany and Anthropology**
B.A., M.A., Ph.D., University of California at Berkeley
Ethnobotany; environmental anthropology

**Alex Roberto Hybel, Susan Eckert Lynch ’62 Professor of Government and International Relations**
B.A., University of North Carolina; M.A., The American University; M.A., Ph.D., Stanford University
U.S. foreign policy; international relations theory; democracy in Latin America

**Jennifer Domino Rudolph, Assistant Professor of Hispanic Studies**
B.A., St. Xavier University; M.A., Loyola University; Ph.D., University of Illinois
Latino cultural studies, critical race theory, masculinity theory

Selected Courses

- Advanced Grammar and Composition, Hispanic Cultures, Latin America in Film
- An Introduction to Latin American and Caribbean History, Religion and Violence
- In Latin America, Growing up in Latin America: The Bildungsroman in Latin American Narrative, Revolution and Counter-Revolution in Spanish America
- Economics of Latin America, Democracy in Latin America, Literature of the Hispanic Caribbean, Rebellion and Revolutions in Latin America

About Connecticut College

Connecticut College educates students to put the liberal arts into action as citizens in a global society. A leader in the liberal arts since 1911, the College is home to nationally ranked programs for internships, community action, arts and technology, environmental studies and international studies. Our beautiful 750-acre arboretum campus is located in the historic New England seaport community of New London, Conn.

**WHAT CAN YOU DO WITH A MAJOR IN LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES?**

- Latin America Partner – Support Representative, EMC Corp.
- Reporting Analyst, United HealthCare
- Law Student, University of Arizona
- Second Grade Teacher, Pohakea Elementary School
- Bilingual Outreach Worker, Housing Opportunities Unlimited at Harbor Point
- Youth Service Trip Leader (El Salvador), Companion Community Development Alternatives
- Senior Correspondent, Voice of America
- Vice President, MicroFinance Transparency International
- Green Business Program Coordinator, Sonoma County Economic Development Board
- Technical Adviser, HIV/AIDS Care & Treatment Program
- Marketing Manager and Events Coordinator, Tanteo Spirits
- Structured Credit Specialist, ICAP
- Talent Acquisition Specialist, Pepsi Bottling Co.
- Principal, GRID Impact
- Senior Manager, Robert Allen Group

**EXAMPLE OF STUDENT RESEARCH IN LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES**

Janil Tejada ’15
Non-Traditional Dominican Migration and its Effects on Foreign Affairs, Gender Norms and Race Relations: Migration to Madrid, Spain in Comparison to the United States

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