

MAJOR

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN LATIN AMERICAN AND LATINX STUDIES

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See all major requirements at: www.jjay.cuny.edu/latin-american-and-latinx-studies-major-resources

WHAT WILL YOU LEARN IN THIS MAJOR?

Students will gain an integrated understanding of two fields of growing significance: Latin American studies and the study of Latinx people in the United States. This major explores the context and forces that have shaped the experiences of members of Latin American societies and U.S. Latinx communities. The major engages students in the interdisciplinary study of the political, historical, socio-economic and cultural possibilities and obstacles for achieving social justice and equity; cross-cultural and intercultural understanding; respect for human integrity and dignity; and awareness of political and human rights.

This major equips students with analytic tools for deep interpretation, information skills for self-guided research, and the communications skills critical for workplace success. Graduates of this major will be historically informed, culturally aware, and ethically attuned to societies beyond the U.S. borders and to diaspora communities within the United States. The major provides students with the intellectual start-up capital for careers in our 21st century, globalized economic order.

IN THIS MAJOR YOU WILL ...

Develop an understanding of the growing Latinx presence in the United States

Explore the political, historical, socio-economic and cultural dimensions of Latin America

Analyze the possibilities and obstacles that face Latin American societies and U.S. Latinx communities

Engage in activities that develop your writing, oral, research, and critical thinking skills—skills needed for careers in the 21st century

FIRST COURSES IN THE MAJOR...

LLS 124: Latinx People in the United States

LLS 130: Introduction to Latin American History

LLS/HIS/POL 242:
U.S. Foreign Policy in Latin America

LLS 322:
Latinx Struggles for Civil Rights & Social Justice

WHAT CRITICAL THINKING SKILLS WILL YOU DEVELOP IN THIS MAJOR?

- Summarize, analyze, compare, evaluate, interpret and synthesize ideas, theories and concepts
- Present ideas verbally and in writing: interpret data, shape information into specific points and arguments
- Design projects, develop hypotheses, perform research, organize information, and solve problems

WHAT MINOR MIGHT BE A GOOD COMPLEMENT TO THIS MAJOR?

- Anthropology
- Art
- Corrections
- Counseling
- Criminology
- Dispute Resolution
- Economics
- English
- Gender Studies
- History
- Humanities and Justice
- Human Rights
- Journalism
- Law
- Police Studies
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Public Administration
- Sociology
- Spanish
- Speech and Media/Theatre
- Sustainability and Environmental Justice
- U.S. Latinx Literature
- Theatre Arts (Department of Communication and Theatre Arts)
- Writing

For more information about minors, go to:

www.jjay.cuny.edu/minors

DEPENDING ON YOUR INTERESTS, WHAT SECOND (DOUBLE) MAJOR MIGHT BE A GOOD COMPLEMENT TO THE LLS MAJOR?

- Anthropology
- Criminal Justice
- Economics
- English
- Forensic Psychology
- Gender Studies
- Global History
- International Criminal Justice
- Police Studies
- Political Science
- Public Administration
- Security Management
- Sociology

WHAT OPPORTUNITIES WILL THIS MAJOR OFFER YOU?

- Academic and Career Advisement
- Internships
- Rising Scholars of Justice Law School Pipeline Program
- Elisa Morín Scholarship
- Study Abroad Courses
- Service Learning and Other Experiential Learning Opportunities
- Student Research Opportunities
- La Voz (a Latinx student club)

THIS MAJOR CAN BE A GREAT FOUNDATION FOR A WIDE RANGE OF CAREER OPPORTUNITIES, BUT SOME POSSIBILITIES TO CONSIDER ARE:

- Public service agencies at the city, state, and federal levels
- Nonprofit sector positions with advocacy organizations and community service agencies
- Careers in the international sector
- Graduate School or Law School

Many of our graduates successfully go on to pursue masters, PhD, and law degrees.