Student Learning Objectives Latin American, Caribbean and U.S. Latino Studies

Bachelor of Arts

- Demonstrate knowledge of the classic and contemporary scholarly sources on Latin America, the Caribbean, and immigrant and migrant populations from these territories in the United States.
- Demonstrate knowledge of the diverse countries, cultures, and races comprising Latin America and the Caribbean.
- Demonstrate knowledge of the historic relationships among Latin American and Caribbean territories and Europe and the United States.

Master of Arts

- Develop a comprehensive understanding of the interdisciplinary scholarship, analytical methods and theoretical approaches employed by scholars in this academic field.
- Acquire substantive content knowledge of Latin America, the Caribbean and Latinos in the United States, and the global forces (economic, political, cultural) that have shaped the region’s history and affect its contemporary situation.
- Develop ability to conceptualize and analyze the intersections of ethnic studies (Latina/o Studies) and area studies (Latin America and the Caribbean).


- Develop the analytical and conceptual skills to evaluate the scholarship on transnational and hemispheric relations among people and institutions in the Americas, and identify prospective areas for additional research.
- Learn how to conceive, design, conduct and evaluate original research that enhances the knowledge base of the interdisciplinary field. Understand that the creation of knowledge is an organic, synchronous process and demonstrate the importance of your scholarship.
- Obtain a high level of competency in disseminating your research findings through advanced scholarly writing and persuasive oral communication in professional settings. Obtain training and acquire the skills to effectively communicate your knowledge of the field in the classroom.

Please do not hesitate to contact our department’s Undergraduate Program Director, Prof. Glyne Griffith at ggriffith@albany.edu or Graduate Program Director, Prof. Patricia Pinho at ppinho@albany.edu if you have any questions on the above learning objectives.