

# LATIN AMERICAN AND IBERIAN CULTURES, MEDIA, AND POLITICS

This interdisciplinary major underscores the global reach and import of the nations in the Americas, Europe, and Africa in which Spanish and Portuguese are spoken. Students in this major take courses taught in Spanish about literature, cinema, culture, and history. Students are also able to take courses from other disciplines such as political science, art history, and anthropology, to name a few. Students learn to think critically about the cultural, political, and historical questions involved in the study of Latin American and Iberian societies.

## BACHELOR OF ARTS (BA) GENERAL OVERVIEW

### Two introductory lower-division courses:

- Advanced Spanish: Arts and Sciences
- Introduction to Latin American and Iberian Studies

### Four upper-division [Spanish and Portuguese] courses taught in Spanish or Portuguese. One must be taken at the 400 level. Examples include:

- Screen Cultures: From Film to the Internet
- Politics, Thought, Society
- The Culture of Food in Hispanic Los Angeles
- Literature of Mexico
- Social and Geographic Varieties of Spanish
- Gender and Sexuality
- Literature and Media in Latin America
- Cultural Perspectives of the Iberian Peninsula

### Three elective courses taught in English. Examples include:

- Arts of Latin America
- Paintings in the Prado Museum
- Mexico and its Relations with the United States
- Modern Latin America
- The Nature of Mayan Civilization
- Cultures of Brazil and Lusophone Africa
- Political Economy of Central America

## ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITIES

**Internships:** The extensive exposure to language granted by the major allows students to become competitive applicants for internships that require proficiency in a foreign language in order to apply.

**Maymesters:** These four-week long courses that take place in countries such as Brazil, Peru, and Mexico offer a unique opportunity to study in the field with an expert faculty member and a tight-knit cohort of students.

**Study Abroad:** Travel to Spain and other countries in Latin America for a semester-long experience through the Department of Latin American and Iberian Cultures.

**Clubs and Organizations:** On-campus groups such as La CASA and the Latinx Student Assembly provide a voice and focus on issues facing the community at large.