Latino Culture, Economy and Policy, BA

BA with major in Latino Culture, Economy and Policy (LCEP) examines the politics, history, language, culture, literature, sociology, anthropology, economics, and creative accomplishments of Latinos in the US. This diverse population includes people who trace their heritage to Mexico, Cuba, Puerto Rico, El Salvador, Guatemala, Nicaragua, and many other Latin American and Caribbean nations. Students take four required substantive classes (12 hours), four classes (12 hours) in two of three elective areas and also complete either an internship and/or senior research paper (6 hours). LCEP will prepare students to be more competitive in the increasingly challenging and diverse workforce environment.

Hours required and general/college requirements

A minimum of 120 semester hours, of which 42 must be advanced, and fulfillment of degree requirements for the Bachelor’s degree as specified in the “University Core Curriculum” in the Academics section of this catalog and the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences requirements.

Major Requirements

A minimum of 30 hours is required in the major, including:

- Required courses, 18 hours
  - ANTH 3140 - Latinos in the U.S.
  - ENGL 4250 - Latinx Literature
  - HIST 3150 - Historical and Cultural Development of the Mexican-American Community

- 6 hours from:
  - PSCI 3101 - Latino Politics
  - OR
  - PSCI 3102 - U.S. Immigration Policy
  - OR
  - PSCI 3103 - U.S. Immigration Politics

- 6 hours from:
  - PSCI 4953 - Capstone Internship
  - OR
  - PSCI 4954 - Research Capstone
Electives, 12 hours

Four classes (12 hours) in two of three elective areas:

- Culture and Humanities

  COMM 4640 – Latin@ Rhetorics
  SOCI 2070 - Introduction to Race and Ethnic Relations
  SOCI 4580 – Immigration and Diversity in Contemporary U.S.
  ENGL 3920 - Ethnic American Literatures
  ENGL 3850 - The Literature of Texas and the Southwest
  HIST 4170 – History of Tejanos/as
  HIST 4200 - The Spanish Frontier in North America
  JOUR 4250 - Race, Gender and the Media: A Methods Approach
  SOCI 2010 - Race, Class, Gender and Ethnicity
  OR
  WGST 2420 - Race, Class, Gender and Ethnicity

  SOCI 4540 - Race and Ethnic Minorities
  SPAN 3140 - Mexican Civilization
  SPAN 4010 - Aspects of Contemporary Mexican Culture
  SPAN 3110 - Introduction to Hispanic Literature
  SPAN 3180 - Latin American Culture Through Film
  SPAN 4385 - Hispanic Culture in the United States
  THEA 4370 - Contemporary Chicana/Chicano Theatre

- Politics and Public Policy

  HIST 4160 - Chicano Political History: 19th and 20th Century
  PSYC 4849 - Topics in Psychology (when topic is “Psychology of Race in the United States”)
  SOCI 4540 - Race and Ethnic Minorities
  ECON 3150 - Economics of Discrimination
  GEOG 3770 – Latin America: Geography and Globalization
  PSCI 3101 - Latino Politics
  PSCI 3102 - U.S. Immigration Policy
  PSCI 3103 - U.S. Immigration Politics
  PSCI 3104 - Race and Ethnic Politics
  PSCI 3105 - Political Economy of Race, Gender and Immigration
  PSCI 3701 - Politics of Mexico
  PSCI 3702 - Latin American Politics
  PSCI 3703 - Security in Latin America
  PSCI 3704 - U.S.-Latin American Relations
  PSCI 4700 - Topics in Comparative Politics (when topic is “Politics and Issues of Development”)
  PSCI 4670 - Third World Politics
  PSCI 4650 - Comparative Public Policy
  PSYC 4849 - Topics in Psychology (when topic is “Politics of Issues of Development”)
  WGST 4240 - Latinas Today
• **Country of Origin Studies**

  AEAH 4820 - Pre-Columbian Art of Mesoamerica  
  ANTH 3210 - Meso America  
  ANTH 4300 – Migrants and Refugees  
  ANTH 3220 – Mayan Culture  
  ENGL 4255 - Mexican American Non-Fiction and Criticism  
  HIST 4190 - Mexico, 1810–Present  
  HIST 4172 - Modern Latin America: 1810-Present  
  HIST 4150 - Mexican Immigration and the Chicano Community  
  HIST 4171 - Latin America: The Colonial Experience, 1492–1821  
  HIST 4155 - Mexican American Autobiography  
  HIST 4263 – Topics in African-, Asian- or Latin American History (when topic covers Latin America)  
  BUSI 4700 - Topics in International Business Practices and Policies (when topic is “Mexican Business Practices and Policies”)  
  HIST 4180 - Colonial Mexico and the Spanish Southwest  
  MUET 3080 – Studies in Latin American Music  
  PSCI 3701 - Politics of Mexico  
  PSCI 3702 - Latin American Politics  
  SPAN 3130 – Topics in Latin American Culture  
  SPAN 3140 - Mexican Civilization  
  SPAN 4010 - Aspects of Contemporary Mexican Culture

**Minor**

Students who wish to earn a minor are encouraged to choose Business Marketing or Management, Public Administration, Criminal Justice or International Studies.

**Electives**

Hours required for electives may vary based on course selection and the University Core Curriculum requirements. Electives may be required to satisfy the advanced hour requirement (42) and/or the minimum total hours required for the degree. For specific information see an academic advisor in the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences.

**Other requirements**

A minimum grade of C is required for an LCEP course to count toward the major.