

School of Arts and Humanities

Master of Arts in Latin American Studies



Program Description

The Master of Arts in Latin American Studies degree program allows students to acquire expertise in multiple aspects of Latin America. Taught by international recognized faculty at the University of Texas at Dallas and building on the dynamic interdisciplinary structure of the School of Arts and Humanities, the master's program has an integrated curriculum that connects literary, historical, cultural and visual studies.



Students in the master's program elect either a professional option (coursework only) or research option (coursework plus a capstone project). Both options require students to demonstrate proficiency in an approved foreign language and to complete an approved internship or study abroad. The research option is especially relevant for those who plan to pursue doctoral study.

Benefits

The Latin American Studies master's program ensures that students gain a broad understanding of their chosen field or discipline, apply their knowledge in new, creative ways and communicate and work effectively in collaborative environments.

Other benefits include:

- *World-Class Faculty*: The program is led by the history and philosophy faculty of the School of Arts and Humanities who are widely cited experts in their respective fields.
- *Comprehensive Curriculum*: Courses in the program will introduce students to new ideas, methodologies and competencies while preparing them to succeed in both public and private sectors.
- *Location*: Situated in the greater Dallas region—recently rated by Forbes magazine as the #1 “Best City for Jobs”—UT Dallas provides students with easy access to employers and internship opportunities, not to mention a large and supportive alumni population.

Career Opportunities

In addition to law schools and PhD programs, graduates of the Latin American Studies master's program are well-prepared for positions in both public and private sectors, such as:

- Teacher/educator
- Legal/policy administrator
- Writer and Editor
- Non-profit manager
- Historian

Career settings may include higher education, non-profits, cultural and historical organizations, government agencies, international development organizations, publishing houses, museums and archives, business/corporate entities and independent consulting.

Marketable Skills

Graduates of the UT Dallas MA in Latin American Studies explore the region through the interdisciplinary study of history; economics, political science, and business; and literature, language and culture.

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- Reading literary texts, historical materials, and current events closely, critically, and analytically
- Competency in the Spanish language and the cultural, economic, and political history of the Latin American world
- Articulating thoughts and ideas clearly and effectively in written and oral forms
- Ability to effectively research and present arguments and evidence with an awareness of the perspective of multiple cultures

Application Deadlines and Requirements

Please take note of all application deadlines and visit the Apply Now webpage to begin the application process. See the Latin American Studies program website for additional information.

Applicants to the Latin American Studies master's degree program should have:

- A baccalaureate degree (BA or MA) from an accredited institution of higher education in an arts and humanities field, along with demonstrated interest and experience in Latin American studies.
- A grade point average (GPA) of 3.3 out of a 4.0 scale, especially in upper-division undergraduate or graduate coursework.
- Letters of Recommendation: Applicants must submit 3 letters of recommendation from individual able to judge the candidate's potential for success in the master's degree program.
- Admissions Essay: Applicants must submit a 650-word narrative essay, which should be reflective rather than factual. The essay should address the applicant's academic interests and goals and indicate how the master's program would enable such pursuits.
- International applicants must submit a TOEFL score of at least 80 on the internet-based test. Scores must be less than two years old. See the Graduate Catalog for additional information regarding English proficiency requirements for international applicants.

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About the School



The School of Arts and Humanities emphasizes education that seeks and creates connections, combining critical with creative thought, theory with practice and arts and humanities with other fields of knowledge. Our goal is to foster in students intense curiosity informed by rigorous attention and the ability not only to solve challenging problems but also to communicate the process and importance of the solution.

Our graduate programs provide students with a flexible, interdisciplinary context in which to pursue a personalized course of study. Rather than identifying fixed disciplinary areas, we have designed our graduate degrees around broadly defined areas of interest. The interrelationship and mutual influence of these broad areas is emphasized as the essential aspect of our approach to graduate education.

The School of Arts and Humanities offers the advantages of a research university and the nurturing atmosphere of a liberal arts college. Students in the School of Arts and Humanities are encouraged to explore the boundaries and the interrelationships of the major fields of study within the school. Consistent with this focus on the integration of the arts and humanities and a commitment to interdisciplinary education, the school has no conventional departments. Rather, its curriculum is designed to allow study that crosses and transcends traditional disciplinary lines. This flexible design allows faculty members to create learning communities based on mutual interests and in response to the educational needs of students.

Additional Facts

Several faculty members have been awarded prestigious fellowships, including those from the Guggenheim, Fulbright, Alexander S. Onassis and Woodrow Wilson foundations. Others are recipients of the Füst Literary Award, as well as awards from the National Endowment for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

The school’s centers further enhance students’ educational experience by bringing the concept of globalism to campus, by bringing world events into focus through research and by encouraging innovation and creativity.

The National Science Foundation recently awarded a major grant to the school’s Center for Values in Medicine, Science and Technology to study the mentoring and education that occurs in science laboratories.

A&H Graduate Programs		
Art History	MA	
History	MA	
History of Ideas	MA	PHD
Humanities	MA	PHD
Latin American Studies	MA	
Literature	MA	PHD
Visual and Performing Arts	MA	PHD

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The School of Arts and Humanities has several centers that provide a foundation for growth both internally and throughout the community:

The Ackerman Center for Holocaust Studies

further contemporary attempts at understanding, speaking about, interpreting and representing this difficult period in history.

The Center for Asian Studies

is a hub for Asian scholarly study and cultural fluency. The center is devoted to Asian and Asian-American culture and the interaction of Asia with America..

The Center for Translation Studies

has a broad mission: enhancing the visibility and establishing the importance of the translator as the most important mediator between cultures; supporting the scholarly analysis and creation of literary translations; establishing partnerships with writers, scholars and publishers around the world.

The Center for U.S.-Latin America Initiatives (CUSLAI), reflects the importance of Latin America to the United States and, specifically, to the northern portion of Texas, in the context of historical mutual understanding and co-existence. CUSLAI offers exchange opportunities for U.S. and Latin American scholars, researchers and students in science, technology, management, social sciences, arts and humanities.

The Center for Values in Medicine, Science and Technology supports programs and projects that address the human implications of scientific investigation and technological innovation.

The Edith O'Donnell Institute of Art History is a center for innovative research and graduate education in the history of art. Research and teaching at the O'Donnell Institute focus on artworks held in Dallas-Fort Worth collections, which together open onto a history of art that ranges across geography, chronology and medium. The O'Donnell Institute is dedicated to intellectual creativity, exchange and collaboration in the form of lectures and symposia, exhibitions, publications and collaborations with area institutions.

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