



# LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES

The Latin American Studies Program offers an Honors Program to those students who have demonstrated excellence in the Latin American Studies Major. Successful completion of the Honors Program enables the student to graduate "**With Highest Distinction**," "**With High Distinction**," or "**With Distinction**," depending upon their performance in the program.

## **Eligibility Requirements**

- Junior or Senior Standing. (90 units to be completed prior to the program's start date)
- Latin American Studies Major GPA must be at least 3.5, and the overall GPA must be at least 3.2. These GPA requirements *must be maintained until graduation*.
- Must have completed all lower-division requirements and at least six upper-division courses by the end of spring quarter prior to the program's start date.
- Must submit a half page statement with a description of your research topic along with a ten-item bibliography with this honors application.
- Must obtain a faculty advisor to work with prior to the start of the Honors Program. (If needed, the Undergraduate Coordinator or the Director of Undergraduate Studies will help refer you to an appropriate faculty advisor for your project.)

## **Program Requirements**

Fall quarter, students take LATI 199, *Individual Study*. Winter quarter, students take LATI 190, *Senior Seminar*. Distinction levels are determined by the grade received in LATI 191, *Honors Seminar*.

To graduate "With Highest Distinction" the student must earn an **A+**;

To graduate "With High Distinction" the student must earn an **A**;

And to graduate "With Distinction" the grade must be an **A-**.

Please note that if a student receives a B- or below in LATI 191, no departmental honors will be given.

## **Seminar Descriptions**

**LATI 199 – Individual Study** Guided and supervised reading of the literature on Latin America in the interdisciplinary areas of anthropology, communications, economics, history, literature, political science, and sociology. For students majoring in Latin American Studies, reading will focus around potential topics for senior papers; for honors students in Latin American Studies, reading will culminate in formulation of a prospectus for the research thesis

**LATI 190 – Senior Seminar** Research seminar on selected topics in the study of Latin America; all students will be required to prepare and present independent research papers. Honors students will present drafts of senior research theses, of **no less than fifty pages in length**.

**LATI 191 - Honors Seminar** Independent reading and research under direction of a member of the faculty group in Latin American Studies; goal is to provide honors students with an opportunity to complete senior research thesis to be defended before three-person interdisciplinary faculty committee.

**The completed application must be submitted to the Undergraduate Coordinator. GPA's (both overall and in the major) will be calculated upon student's graduation.**

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Please complete this application form and turn it in to the Latin American Studies Undergraduate Coordinator.

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# HONORS PROGRAM APPLICATION

(please print legibly)

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ STUDENT ID # \_\_\_\_\_

UCSD EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CURRENT PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_

Current Major GPA \_\_\_\_\_ Current Overall GPA \_\_\_\_\_

List all the Latin American Studies courses that you have taken; both lower and upper-division (include those you are currently enrolled in)

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Whom have you selected as your faculty advisor? Please check with the faculty member to make certain that they are available to work with you during the upcoming fall and spring quarters.

Faculty Advisor's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Faculty Advisor's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**IMPORTANT: Attach a half page statement with a description of the research topic that you would like to pursue during your Honors Program, including a ten-item bibliography. If needed, your faculty advisor can assist you.**

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I acknowledge that I will be responsible to find two additional UCSD faculty related to my research to be members of my Honor's Thesis Committee. In Fall Quarter I will enroll in LATI 199 with the Faculty Advisor listed above. In Winter Quarter I will complete a draft of my thesis in LATI 190 that will be **no less than fifty pages**. In Spring Quarter, I will present my thesis work to my committee members who will evaluate my work and designate my level of distinction. I also understand that graduating with honors is provisional until I meet the GPA requirements upon graduation.

Student's signature: \_\_\_\_\_