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MAJOR REQUIREMENTS
56 CREDITS

Lower Division
- LATI 10 - LAS & US Liberation Movements
- LATI 50 - Introduction to LA
- Proficiency in either Spanish or Portuguese: demonstrated through a placement test, study abroad or one the following: LTSP 2A, LIPO 1D

Upper Division
- LATI 150 - Digital Oral History in LA
- LATI 180 - Special Topics in LAS
- LATI 190 - Senior Seminar
- One research methods course
- Three of the following: HILA 102, POLI 146A, SOCI 188D, LTSP 133
- Five electives from at least three different departments

Optional Honors
- All the lower division requirements
- 36 units of upper division requirements
- GPA of 3.5 in the major
- Three courses in senior year: LATI 199, LATI 190, LATI 191
- Produce and defend an original thesis before a committee.

MINOR REQUIREMENTS
28 CREDITS

Lower Division
- LATI 10 - LAS & US Liberation Movements
- LATI 50 - Introduction to LA
- Proficiency in either Spanish or Portuguese: demonstrated through a placement test, study abroad or one the following: LTSP 2A, LIPO 1D

Upper Division
- LATI 150 - Digital Oral History in LA
- LATI 180 - Special Topics in Latin American Studies
- One elective
- Two of the following: HILA 102, POLI 146A, SOCI 188D, LTSP 133

OPTIONAL AREAS OF CONCENTRATION

- Mexico
- Migration and Border Studies

UNDERGRADUATE TWO-YEAR TRANSFER PLAN

Junior
- Fall LATI Method, LATI 10, LATI UD Elective
- Winter LATI 50, LATI UD Elective
- Spring LATI Core Course, LATI 180

Senior
- Fall LATI Core Course, LATI UD Elective
- Winter LATI 190, LATI UD Elective
- Spring LATI UD Elective, LATI UD Elective

*Please note: Courses needed to fulfill the foreign language proficiency requirement are not listed above. The amount of language courses needed is dependent on the student's language level.

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