Department: Latin American Studies Program
Degree Objective: Master of Arts in Latin American Studies

What can I do with this degree? What kind of jobs do people with this degree typically obtain?

Graduates of Cal. State L.A.’s MA program in Latin American Studies work in a wide range of fields, including policymaking and advocacy, the non-profit sector, research, and teaching. Many continue their education through Ph.D. programs and Law School.

Will this master’s program prepare me for a Ph.D. program?

The MA program has an excellent track record in preparing students for PhD programs over a range of disciplines, including: American Studies, Anthropology, Cultural Studies, Ethnic Studies, History, Latino/a Studies, and Latin American Studies. Alumni from the program have completed or are currently enrolled in doctoral programs in top ranking universities across the country, including Claremont Graduate School, Indiana University, New York University, UC Irvine, UC Riverside, UC Santa Cruz, University of Chicago, University of Illinois-Chicago, University of Michigan, University of North Carolina, and University of Notre Dame.

How do I apply to your graduate program?

Application must be made both to the Latin American Studies Program and the University. The LAS application can be found at http://www.calstatela.edu/academic/las/applicationinformation.php

Students are also required to submit a separate application to the University through Cal State Apply at the following link: http://www.calstatela.edu/admissions. Students must be admitted by the University in order to be eligible to be admitted by the Latin American Studies Program.

What is the GPA requirement for admissions into the program?

A 2.5 grade point average is required in your last 60 semester units attempted.

Does your program require the GRE?

No

How many recommendation letters does your degree program require?

Two

Whom should I get the recommendation letters from, professors or employers?

The letters may be written by professors, employers, or other individuals who can attest to your ability to succeed in graduate studies.

Do you have any tips on how to write a personal statement?

Explain why you want to pursue an MA in Latin American Studies. Address how your previous academic experience has prepared you for the program. Write several drafts.
**When do you accept students into your graduate program in Fall or Spring or both?**

Both

**What are the admission deadlines?**

You can find the University and Department Deadlines at this website:  
[www.calstatela.edu/admissions/deadlines](http://www.calstatela.edu/admissions/deadlines)

**What is the cost to attend graduate school?**

You can find information regarding tuition and fees on the Student Financial Services website at  
[http://www.calstatela.edu/sfinserv/cashiers-office](http://www.calstatela.edu/sfinserv/cashiers-office)

**Does your department offer any GA or TA positions? If so, what is the eligibility requirement to apply for a GA or TA position?**

The LAS program has the occasional need for GA’s for one of our large lecture classes. All graduate students are eligible to apply for GA positions.

**Is this degree program co-horted?**

No

**How long will it take me to complete the degree if I enroll in 3 or 6 units per semester?**

5 years for 3 units per semester, 2 ½ years for 6 units per semester

**How long will it take me to complete the degree if I enrolled in 9 or 12 units per semester?**

2 years

**Do you offer any Winter Intersessions classes or any classes during the Summer?**

LAS does not. As we are an interdisciplinary program, other departments (Anthropology, Sociology) sometimes offer courses that can count toward the LAS MA degree over the summer.

**When are your graduate classes typically offered during the day or at night?**

All of our graduate seminars are offered from 6:00-8:45. Our upper-division courses that count towards the degree are offered both day and night. Courses from other departments that count towards our interdisciplinary degree are offered both day and night.

**Whom can I contact in the department, if I have additional questions?**

The program director, Dr. Ericka Verba; 323-343-2186; [everba@calstatela.edu](mailto:everba@calstatela.edu)

**Are there any additional resources or funding opportunities for graduate student at CSULA?**

For resources and funding opportunities, please visit the Graduate Studies webpage at  
[http://www.calstatela.edu/graduatestudies](http://www.calstatela.edu/graduatestudies)