

# WHAT CAN I DO WITH A MAJOR IN LATIN AMERICAN AND LATINO STUDIES?

A degree in the Latin American and Latino studies allows students to choose from four concentrations including, Contemporary Transformations in the Americas, Cultural Studies of the Americas, Historical Processes and Interpretations of the Americas and Latina/o Studies. This department equips students with an understanding of culture, history, and traditions of the Latin American Community.

Below are just a few examples of the many fields or general areas you might consider. However, keep in mind that Latin American and Latino Studies majors have also found success in a much wider variety of professions. To learn more about where some of DePaul University's Latin American and Latino Studies alumni have found their success, visit [ask.depaul.edu](http://ask.depaul.edu)!



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<p><b>EDUCATION</b></p> <p>Students interested in <b>teaching</b> will gain an understanding of language and culture to successfully pursue a career in ESL Education and Language Teaching.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elementary, middle and secondary schools</li> <li>• Nursery schools</li> <li>• Foster care organizations</li> <li>• Child care programs</li> <li>• Child protective services</li> </ul>	<p><b>Sharpen Your Skills</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be knowledgeable of modern languages.</li> <li>• Have strong oral and written communication skills.</li> <li>• Earn a TESOL graduate certificate through the Department of Writing, Rhetoric &amp; Discourse.</li> </ul> <p><b>Gain Experience</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teach English abroad.</li> <li>• Get involved in multicultural organizations and events.</li> <li>• Apply for tutoring and mentorship positions in The Writing Center.</li> <li>• Study abroad to improve your language proficiency.</li> </ul> <p><b>Pursue a Minor</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consider a minor in Spanish Linguistics or Spanish Translation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TESOL international association</li> <li>• City Colleges of Chicago</li> <li>• Inner-American magnet School</li> <li>• Teach for America</li> <li>• Erie Elementary Charter School</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Educator</li> <li>• ESL instructor</li> <li>• Admissions Counselor</li> <li>• Intern, Latin America Research</li> <li>• Dual Language Teacher</li> <li>• Bilingual Education</li> </ul>



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<b>GOVERNMENT AND NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS</b>				
<p>Students interested in working towards <b>political, economic, and sociocultural transformations</b> may be interested to work with the government or with nonprofit organizations. Students may pursue a career in Global Policy, Research, Foreign Services, and Immigration Services.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cities</li> <li>• Political parties</li> <li>• National, state, or local government</li> <li>• United States Citizenship and Immigration Services</li> <li>• Intergovernmental agencies</li> </ul> 	<p><b>Sharpen Your Skills</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Learn additional languages.</li> <li>• Stay up-to-date on new policies and laws.</li> <li>• Learn to work with people of different cultures.</li> <li>• Get involved in student government or other civic-minded student organizations.</li> </ul> <p><b>Gain Experience</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Seek leadership roles in relevant campus organizations.</li> <li>• Volunteer or complete an internship at a nonprofit organization</li> <li>• Obtain an internship in a government agency or seek opportunities to shadow others in your area of interest.</li> </ul> <p><b>Pursue a Minor</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Depending on your area of interest, identify minors that will complement your skill set like International Politics, Economics, Public Policy or Sociology.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Latino Policy Forum</li> <li>• Illinois Migrant Council</li> <li>• Bureau of Intl Labor Affairs</li> <li>• Illinois Latino Family Commission</li> <li>• Latino Policy Forum</li> <li>• Rotary International</li> <li>• Chicago Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under Law</li> <li>• World Relief</li> <li>• Cook County Government</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cultural Affairs Officer</li> <li>• International Relations Counselor</li> <li>• Interpreter</li> <li>• Overseas Representative</li> <li>• Social Worker</li> <li>• Director</li> <li>• Communications Associate</li> <li>• Regional Grants Officer</li> <li>• Attorney</li> <li>• Deputy Chief Administrative Officer</li> <li>• Immigration Lawyer</li> <li>• Diplomacy</li> </ul>
<b>INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND BUSINESS</b>				
<p>Students interested in <b>International Relations and Business</b> are equipped with communication, and organizational skills to pursue a career in Policy Making and Analysis, Poverty-Reduction Strategy, Ethics and Anti-Corruption, Human Rights, Organization and Management Development or Public Relations.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multinational public and private corporations</li> <li>• International trade associations</li> <li>• Religious organizations</li> <li>• Foundations</li> <li>• Policy and research organizations</li> <li>• Think tanks</li> <li>• Community development organizations</li> </ul>	<p><b>Sharpen Your Skills</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Become fluent in at least one foreign language.</li> <li>• Develop strong analytical, verbal, writing and leadership skills.</li> <li>• Get involved with international organizations on campus.</li> <li>• Take courses or participate in extracurricular activities that help build intercultural communication skills.</li> </ul> <p><b>Gain Experience</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consider studying abroad.</li> <li>• Volunteer with an internationally-focused non-profit to learn more about working in that type of organization.</li> <li>• Seek cultural experiences on campus.</li> <li>• Consider entering the Peace Corps.</li> <li>• Gain experience in an area of interest through internships or other employment.</li> <li>• Seek leadership positions within international and humanitarian groups on campus.</li> </ul> <p><b>Pursue a Minor</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Acquire a business minor or minor in Public Policy.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The San Jose Group</li> <li>• International Public Relations Association</li> <li>• Aon</li> <li>• Pearson</li> <li>• Heartland Alliance</li> <li>• Latin American and the Caribbean at Heartland Alliance</li> <li>• Rotary Peace Center</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Policy and Planning Associate</li> <li>• Public Affairs/Government Relations Senior Analyst</li> <li>• Global Government Relations Director</li> <li>• Research Intern</li> <li>• Asset Development Coordinator</li> <li>• Director</li> <li>• Executive Level Global Sales Support</li> <li>• Marketing and Recruitment Specialist</li> </ul> 

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<b>COMMUNICATIONS, TRANSLATION AND INTERPRETATION</b>				
<p>Using the comprehension and communication skills learned as a Latin American and Latino Studies major, students can pursue a career in <b>translation</b> or <b>sign language</b>.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Airports</li> <li>• Hotels</li> <li>• Travel companies</li> <li>• High Schools</li> <li>• Court Rooms</li> <li>• Colleges and Universities</li> <li>• Hospitals</li> <li>• Conference Centers</li> </ul>	<p><b>Sharpen Your Skills</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Speak, read, and write fluently in at least two languages.</li> <li>• Enroll in American Sign Language courses.</li> <li>• Gain interpersonal communication skills.</li> <li>• Participate in campus organizations related to foreign language, cultures and/or media and writing.</li> </ul> <p><b>Gain Experience</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Seek out volunteer opportunities at community organizations, hospitals, and sporting events, to work with people who are deaf or hard of hearing.</li> </ul> <p><b>Pursue a Minor</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Acquire a minor in American Sign Language, Intercultural Communication or International Communication.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TS Tech Americas, Inc.</li> <li>• Rotary International</li> <li>• Ann &amp; Robert Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago</li> <li>• Geo Group</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ASL instructors</li> <li>• Speech-language pathologist</li> <li>• Social worker</li> <li>• Bilingual Translator</li> <li>• Court Interpreter/Court Translator</li> </ul>