

# LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES ASSOCIATE IN ARTS



The Latin American Studies major is an interdisciplinary program which prepares students to transfer to four-year institutions for continued studies in Latin American Studies, Latin American and Caribbean government, politics, and countries, Hispanic/Latin culture, Mexican American/Latino Studies, Chicano/Chicana Studies. A major in Latin American Studies can lead to degrees in national and state government, public policy, non-government organizations, business, and graduate school.

The **Program-level Student Learning Outcomes (PSLOs)** below are outcomes that students will achieve after completing specific degree requirements in this program. Students will:

1. Think critically about government and Politics in Latin America and the Caribbean.
2. Identify and assess the role of ideas, culture, history, social norms, interest groups on contemporary Latin American identity and politics.
3. Analyze the philosophical, and economic foundations of political conflict and violence, economic policy, inequality, and intersectionality in Latin America.
4. Critically analyze the nature of power in Latin American politics, history, and culture with a focus on institutions and non-institutional actors.

## Associate Degree Major Requirements

| Code                                       | Title  | Units     |
|--|--|-----------|
| POSC-145                                   | Introduction to Latin American Government and Politics | 3         |
| Select four of the following: <sup>1</sup> |  | 12        |
| POSC-124                                   | Introduction to Comparative Government and Politics    |           |
| PHIL-160                                   | Latin American Philosophy                              |           |
| HIST-126                                   | History of Mexico                                      |           |
| HIST-118                                   | U.S. History: Chicano/Chicana Perspectives I           |           |
| HIST-119                                   | U.S. History: Chicano/Chicana Perspectives II          |           |
| Select one of the following:               |  | 3         |
| ANTH-127                                   | Cultures of Latin America                              |           |
| ENGL-236<br>or ETHN-236                    | Chicana/o Literature                                   |           |
| ETHN-126                                   | Chicano/Chicana and Mexican Art                        |           |
| <b>Total Units</b>                         |  | <b>18</b> |

Plus General Education (<https://catalog.gcccd.edu/grossmont/admission-information/general-education-transfer/>) and Elective Requirements

<sup>1</sup> After consultation with a member of the political science faculty and a counselor because of differences in transfer requirements at various four-year institutions.

## Recommended Electives

Students planning to complete a baccalaureate degree in political science are **strongly** advised to consult with a faculty advisor in political science at Grossmont College and take the following courses:

| Code                    | Title  | Units |
|-------------------------|--|-------|
| ANTH-120                | Cultural Anthropology                            | 3     |
| POSC-148<br>or MATH-160 | American Foreign Policy<br>Elementary Statistics | 3-4   |
| HIST-108                | Early American History                           | 3     |
| HIST-109                | Modern American History                          | 3     |
| POSC-135                | Model United Nations                             | 1     |
| SOC-120                 | Introductory Sociology                           | 3     |
| SPAN-120                | Spanish I  | 5     |
| SPAN-121                | Spanish II                                       | 5     |
| SPAN-145                | Hispanic Civilizations                           | 3     |