

Scholarship

This scholarship is available on a competitive basis to students interested in interdisciplinary work in Latin American Studies. The scholarship is \$2,000 per year, and may be renewed for an additional year. In the summer following the sophomore year, students who meet the program requirements will be eligible for an \$800 study abroad scholarship, enabling them to participate in an innovative travel-study experience in Mexico.

LAS Learning Communities

LAS Scholars will join a learning community combining academic rigor and cultural enrichment. As a part of the community, LAS Scholars enroll in special sections of the University Core (UCCA & UCCP), and participate in social and academic events designed to foster camaraderie and scholarly success.

Mission

The LAS Scholars Program at Samford University exists to 1) develop linguistic and cultural fluency, geographical and political expertise, and historical understanding of Latin America; 2) prepare graduates to address the international challenges shared by the diverse countries of the Western Hemisphere; 3) enhance student interest in this increasingly important interdisciplinary field.



Howard College of Arts and Sciences

Latin American Studies Scholars Program

As the increasing interconnection of global business, politics, and culture makes the world a smaller place, understanding our neighbors in the Western Hemisphere becomes ever more vital. The LAS Scholars program prepares students to be leaders in this new international environment. LAS Scholars will develop cultural and linguistic fluency, and a deeper understanding of Latin American society. These valuable skills will serve them well in a variety of career choices, at home or abroad.

The LAS Scholars Program combines innovative classes with cross-cultural experiences led by experienced faculty. Participation in LAS enhances employment opportunities, helps prepare students interested in mission service in Latin America, and provides significant advantages for those considering graduate schools or professional training.



Academics

LAS Scholars may choose any major but must take the LAS Scholars courses (listed below) through the Howard College of Arts and Sciences. Students who successfully complete these academic requirements will earn a Latin American Studies minor, and will also have fulfilled the Howard College of Arts and Sciences language requirements.

Introductory Course

Introduction to Latin American Studies
(LAST 201)

Language Sequence

Conversation, Composition, Grammar, & Reading
(SPAN 301-302 / PORT 351-352)

LAS Electives (Choose two)

Lat. Amer. Land and People
(GEOG 396)
Modern Latin America
(HIST 461)
Latin American Politics
(POLS 322)

Capstone Experience

Latin American Studies Seminar Abroad
(LAST 380)

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Student must maintain the following standards to continue in the program: 1) participate in the LAS Learning Community during the freshman year 2) earn a C or better in all required courses by the end of the sophomore year 3) maintain a 3.0 GPA.

Sample Schedule

Freshman

Fall: LAS Learning Community (UCCP 101 & UCCA 102)
Intermediate Spanish I (SPAN 201) – or higher

Spring: LAS Learning Community (UCCP 102)
Introduction to Latin American Studies (LAST 201)
Intermediate Spanish II (SPAN 202) – or higher

Summer

Student is eligible to participate in: A Migrant's Mexico: Journey through Mexican History and Culture (LAST 380)

Sophomore

Fall: Latin America: Land and People (GEOG 396)
Conversation / Composition / Grammar (SPAN 301)

Spring: Latin American Politics (POLS 322)
Conversation / Composition / Reading (SPAN 302)