The Program in Latina/o Studies offers a 12-credit hour Graduate Certificate Program focusing on the study of Latina/o experience within the U.S. and in a transnational perspective. The goal of the Certificate in Latina/o Studies is to provide a structured program of study for graduate students in programs such as American Culture, Anthropology, Comparative Literature, English, Film, Television and Media, History, Linguistics, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology, Spanish, and Women’s Studies (and others) and in the Professional Schools (Business, Education, Environment and Sustainability, Law, Medicine, Nursing, Public Health, Public Policy, Social Work, etc.) with in-depth interdisciplinary understanding of the field. The Certificate Program is particularly useful to graduate students whose academic and career trajectories require area-focused knowledge and training.

**Admission:** Admissions will take place once a year. The Latina/o Studies Advisory Committee will review applications received by March 15 for the following semester.

**Current or Admitted Rackham Students**
Applicants will be evaluated by the Latina/o Studies Advisory Committee based on their preparation for, commitment to, and understanding of Latina/o Studies as evidenced in their letter of application, coursework plan, and letter of recommendation. Prime consideration will be given to those graduate students with strong academic records who anticipate integrating Latina/o Studies methods and topics into their future research and professional pursuits. Not all candidates will be admitted.

Students who wish to enter the Program must submit an application including:

- A *letter of application* that explains the student’s interest in the program, background in Latina/o Studies, and other relevant preparation (for example, coursework that demonstrates an interest or research focus in Latina/o communities)

- A *list of proposed courses* that will fulfill the program requirements

- A *current transcript* demonstrating that the student has maintained at least a “B” average at his or her graduate or professional school (or at his or her undergraduate institution for entering students)

- One *letter of recommendation* from a faculty sponsor
Specific Course Requirements:
All students are required to take the core Latina/o Studies graduate seminar (LATINOAM 618: Interdisciplinary Approaches to Latina/o Studies), which is offered yearly depending on student demand. The core seminar will introduce students to the central analytical approaches, theories, and methods in the field of Latina/o Studies. The content of the course has been developed collaboratively by the core faculty in the Program (in order to insure breadth of disciplinary coverage) and includes both canonical texts in the field and emergent scholarship. Students in this course will be exposed to core knowledge about Latina/o histories and communities as well as the various disciplinary rubrics through which Latina/o Studies is elaborated including literary and historical studies, studies of immigration and citizenship (within the fields of sociology and political science) and media studies. As a true interdisciplinary “introduction” to the study of Latina/os in the U.S., the pedagogical aim of this course is to help graduate students develop the background knowledge, theoretical language and methodological skills needed to analyze the histories, cultural production, and material realities of Latina/os in the United States.

Beyond the required seminar, students choose three additional courses or two additional courses plus an additional non-credit experiential activity (such as an internship, practicum, research, professional project or similar experience) equivalent to at least a three-credit hour course to fit with a proposed “theme of study” such as Latina/os and HIV/AIDS, Latina/o Cultural Production, Latina/os, Environmental Justice, and Social Activism, and Latina/o Sexualities among others. The themed course of study model enables students to acquire a usable body of knowledge that could not otherwise be learned through existing disciplinary configurations at this university. Students will propose a list of graduate courses to fulfill requirements in consultation with the director of the Latina/o Studies Program. Proposed courses will be approved by the Latina/o Studies Advisory Board. Students who are interested in pursuing a non-credit experiential activity (internship, practicum, research, professional project or similar experience) equivalent to at least a three-credit hour course must identify a Latina/o Studies core or affiliated faculty advisor, submit a proposal, and have it approved by the program director before completion of the activity.

Foreign Language Requirements: None, though reading and writing competency in Spanish is preferable

Final Examination: None

Thesis Requirement: None

For more information, please contact the Latina/o Studies Graduate Certificate Coordinator at LSgradcertificateinfo@umich.edu and visit our website: lsa.umich.edu/latina
APPLICATION

Date: ____________________________  UMID: ____________________________
Name: ____________________________  Phone #: ___________________________
Email Address: ______________________  Mailing Address: _______________________

Please select one:

[ ] I am currently enrolled in a graduate program at the University of Michigan.

Name of Program: ____________________________

Undergraduate Academic Degree:
Degree (i.e., B.A.): ____________________________  Date received: ____________________________
Where taken: ____________________________
Major field: ____________________________  Minor field: ____________________________

Other Academic Degrees:
Degree (i.e., M.A.): ____________________________  Date received: ____________________________
Where taken: ____________________________  Field: ____________________________

What courses have you taken that are relevant to this program?

Please be sure to attach the following:
• A letter of application explaining your interest in the program, background in Latina/o Studies, and other relevant preparation
• A list of proposed courses that will fulfill the program requirements
• A current transcript
• One letter of recommendation from a faculty sponsor

Return to: Graduate Program Coordinator, Department of American Culture, 3700 Haven Hall, 505 S. State Street, Ann Arbor, MI 48109-1045