Latin American Studies is concerned with the multidisciplinary examination of Latin American language, literature, culture, and history. This program will provide you with a critical understanding of the region through academic study, field schools that take place in Latin America, and training in either the Spanish or Portuguese language.

**Key Skills & Knowledge**

**Communication** - Intercultural communication and cross cultural relationships; communicate clearly and persuasively in oral and written media; explaining ideas, writing and presenting information succinctly and clearly; public speaking; compiling carefully reasoned reports and essays; edit and proofread materials; comfort with phonetics.

**Community Development** - Sensitivity to advocacy and community building needs; incorporate understanding of past issues and events as well as contemporary issues to plan and anticipate future needs.

**Analytical / Critical Thinking** - Think logically, quickly and critically; understand economic development, power, and international relations; evaluate translations and original texts.

**Interpersonal** - Understand and interact effectively with diverse populations; cultural awareness and sensitivity; listening, clarifying and responding.

**Organization** - Organize and memorize detailed information; collect, compile and organize information; comfortable adjusting to new environments.

**Qualitative and Quantitative Research** - Monitoring and evaluation of processes and data; subject analysis and synthesis.

**Sample Job Titles**

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Some of these roles may require further training, certification or education. Check out the Alberta Government’s occupational profiles for salary info and more detail: [alis.alberta.ca/occinfo](alis.alberta.ca/occinfo)

**Need help deciding what to do?**

Formal Career Assessments like the Strong Interest Inventory and the Myers Briggs Type Indicator can be helpful tools for your career development. Request an assessment via [CareerLink](CareerLink).
Associations provide an opportunity for continued professional development. Many also offer networking opportunities and other events for their members.

- American Association for Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese: aatsp.org/
- Association for Spanish and Portuguese Historical Studies: asphs.net/
- Association of Translators and Interpreters of Alberta: atia.ab.ca/
- Canadian Translators, Terminologists and Interpreters Council: ctitic.org/
- Hispanic Business: hispanicbusiness.ca/main/
- Hispanotech: hispanotech.ca/
- International Association of Professional Translators and Interpreters: aipti.org/eng/
- International Federation of Translators: fit-ift.org/
- International Studies Association: isanet.org/
- Latin American Studies Association: lasa.international.pitt.edu/

### Potential Industries

- Advertising
- Airport / Airlines
- Art Conservation & Restoration
- Communications
- Community Health
- Customs & Excise
- Education
- Foreign Affairs
- Government
- Heritage & History
- Hospitality
- Hospitals
- Immigration Services
- Insurance
- International Business
- Interpretation
- Investment
- Law Enforcement
- Marketing & Media
- Post-Secondary
- Public Administration
- Public Relations
- Publishing
- Real Estate
- Travel / Tourism Industry
- Translation

### Associations & Professional Development

- Faculty Contact
  Social Sciences 656
  T: 403.220.6401
  E: histdept@ucalgary.ca
  W: hist.ucalgary.ca/last
  W: ucalgary.ca/admissions/programs

- Student Clubs
  A+ Arts Club
  W: suclubs.orgsync.com/org/aplusarts/

- Aligned Majors:
  History, Language Majors, Political Science

### Job Boards

- Indeed: https://ca.indeed.com/
- Idealist.org: www.idealist.org/
- TranslatorsCafe.com: www.translatorscafe.com/cafe/
- LinkedIn: www.linkedin.com
- CareerLink: careerlink.ucalgary.ca

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Facebook: ucalgarycareers
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- Job Search Support
- Resume Reviews
- Career Workshops
- Online Job Postings
- Career Fairs
- Networking Events
- Information Sessions & much more!

Additional Resources

Careers for Foreign Language Aficionados Other Multilingual Types by H. Ned Steeley
Careers in Foreign Languages by Blythe Camenson
Careers in International Affairs by Lisa Gihring
Great Jobs for Foreign Language Majors by Julie DeGalan
Great Jobs for Liberal Arts Majors by Blythe Camenson