

Latin American Studies

Certificate (C430)

Required Courses

SPAN 1401	Beginning Spanish I (Goal 8)	4cr
SPAN 1402*	Beginning Spanish II (Goal 8)	4 cr
SPAN 2401*	Intermediate Spanish I (Goals 6,8)	4 cr
SPAN 2404*	Intermediate Spanish II (Goals 6,8)	4 cr
GLST 2420	Many Faces of Mexico (Goals 5,7) OR	
GLST 2425	Intro to Latin America (Goals 5,8)	3 cr

*Denotes Prerequisites

GRADUATION REQUIREMENT - 19 CREDITS

Description

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Outcomes

By completing this program, students will achieve the following learning outcomes:

- Demonstrate knowledge and appreciation of cultural values, norms and traditions per specific world language, and basic understanding that these differences have an impact on group relationships and interactions;
- Demonstrate appropriate class level receptive and/or written world language skills; and
- Demonstrate appropriate cultural rules of interaction when conversing in the target language.

Career Opportunities

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Pre-Program Requirements

Some courses may require students to meet College Placement Levels in reading, writing, and/or math. See an advisor for more information.

Graduation Requirements

In addition to the program requirements, students must meet the following conditions in order to graduate:

- College Cumulative GPA Requirement: cumulative grade point average (GPA) of credits attempted and completed at CLC must be at least 2.0;
- Residency Requirement: students must complete 25% of their credits at Central Lakes College.

Academic Plan

Individual semester plans are determined between instructor or advisor and student to best meet the needs of the student.