

Latin American Studies

Certificate (C430)

Program Description

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Program 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.

Program Course Requirements

SPAN 1402	Beginning Spanish II.....	4 cr
SPAN 2401	Intermediate Spanish I	4 cr
SPAN 2404	Intermediate Spanish II	4 cr
SPAN 2420	Many Faces of Mexico	3 cr
SPAN 2425	Cultures of Latin America	3 cr

GRADUATION REQUIREMENT - 18 CREDITS

**Denotes Prerequisites*

Career Opportunities

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Course Prerequisites

Some courses may require appropriate test scores or completion of basic math, basic English and/or reading courses with a “C” or better. CLC utilizes a multiple measure approach for placement which may include high school MCA, SAT, ACT scores in addition to high school GPAs. For insurance purposes, internships may require that students be 18 years old.

Semester Course Requirements

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

Graduation Requirements

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

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