

IBERO-AMERICAN STUDIES

Undergraduate Fact Sheet

Today's marketplace demands that potential employees be cross-culturally aware and proficient in a second language. The Ibero-American Studies Certificate Program at SLU Madrid is designed for those who seek to enhance their undergraduate degree with a multidisciplinary education on the Spanish- and Portuguese-speaking world. This program offers a wide range of courses in fields such as history, political science, economics, sociology, Spanish and Latin American literature and Portuguese. The Ibero-American Certificate Program goes beyond academic study and places cultural and political issues in a contemporary context. SLU Madrid offers this experience from a unique perspective—Madrid, Spain, the social, political and economic capital of Iberia.

WHY STUDY IBERO-AMERICAN STUDIES?

- To gain an **expertise** on Latin America, the Caribbean, and the Iberian Peninsula, enhancing your major area of study
- To **link together** and synthesize a variety of courses (courses in a wide range of fields count toward the Certificate)
- To “have something to show” from your electives or your studies abroad (visiting students can complete the certificate while **staying on track** with home university requirements)
- To participate in a **once-in-a-lifetime opportunity** to experience Ibero-America first-hand by visiting three South American countries where you will interact with local cultures, participate in university seminars, tour historical sights and volunteer within the local community

- To develop valuable **interpersonal skills** for working with the significant percentage of the population in the US whose cultural roots are in Spanish-speaking countries

CAREER OPTIONS

- Serve in a US government agency: the Peace Corps, State Department, Agency for International Development, Central Intelligence Agency, and National Security Agency recruit area studies students
- Work with an international development organization, such as the Organization of American States or the Inter-American Development Bank
- Work for a multinational corporation with branches in the Iberian Peninsula and/or Latin America
- Work with a national, state or local agency serving Spanish-speaking populations
- Work in the travel or translation industries
- Teach Spanish or Portuguese in a secondary school
- Continue your education for a master's or doctoral degree in any number of disciplines

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

The Certificate requires:

- 6 courses (18 credits) in the fields of history; humanities, natural and social sciences; art history, Spanish and Latin American literature, and Portuguese
- Participation in the study excursion to Latin America offered at the end of each spring semester
- 2 semesters or 1 semester and 1-2 summer sessions at SLU Madrid

THE SLU MADRID ADVANTAGE

SLU Madrid was founded over 35 years ago, and is the first foreign university officially recognized by the Spanish higher education authorities. Our faculty is world-renown, and we are recognized as the premier American university of Spain. We have a wide range of volunteer and internship opportunities, which include the US Embassy, local and international NGOs and multinational corporations. Ibero-American Studies Certificate students have access to prestigious resources, such as the Museo de América and the Ibero-American Institute Library, which are within blocks of the university.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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For more information about the SLU Madrid campus, including tuition, housing, admission requirements and tours:

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