ALUMNI TESTIMONIALS

“I only have great things to say about the LAIS program at UD. The LAIS program prepared me to be a public health graduate research assistant in the Colorado State University Department of Anthropology and Geography. I was even lucky enough to join on a research trip to Mexico completing fieldwork on edible insects. I have also contributed to research and conducted focus groups on cattle feedyards throughout the US, speaking in Spanish and English to cattle workers to gain their perspectives on their personal wellbeing, and the wellbeing of the animals they care for. Currently, I conduct data collection in Denver of participants in the EFNEP Eating Smart Being Active nutrition program. These data collections are generally conducted in Spanish, and I love meeting with and talking to the participants, who have often just moved to the United States.”

-Penélope Velasco

“The Latin American and Iberian Studies program has been crucial in my career development. I am currently working as an English Language teacher in Massachusetts teaching all students from Latin America. Participating in the LAIS program definitely made me more marketable when applying to jobs after graduation as it showed the breadth of knowledge I gained during undergrad. The LAIS program helped build my Spanish language skills and helped me develop a cultural understanding of Latin America that is integral to my teaching practice.”

-Caleigh Bauer
WHY CHOOSE LATIN AMERICAN AND IBERIAN STUDIES?

Gain essential skills for work and for life:
- Enhance your critical thinking and analytical abilities.
- Develop strong communication skills in both English and Spanish or Portuguese.
- Become more competitive in the global job market.
- Boost your intercultural competence for a globalized world.

Global Perspectives: Students in Latin American and Iberian Studies gain a deeper understanding of the global issues, politics, and economics shaping the region through coursework and study abroad:
- Broaden your horizons and see the world from new angles.
- Develop a global mindset that sets you apart in any career: an invaluable asset in any profession.
- Immerse yourself in the rich cultures, languages, and history of Latin America and the Iberian Peninsula.
- Gain a deep understanding of the diverse peoples and societies of this region.

Cultural Connections: Forge meaningful connections with diverse communities, preparing for a globally interconnected world.

Career Advantages: Stand out in the job market with cultural competency, language skills, and global awareness. Bilingual skills are in high demand, especially in international business and diplomacy. Students will strong language and culture skills are better prepared for the top jobs, are advanced in their career faster, and have better job opportunities.

Study Abroad Opportunities: Experience the cultures firsthand through our study abroad programs.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Courses with relevance to real-world applications:
- Latin American History
- Anthropology of Latin America
- Latin American Literature
- Spanish or Portuguese Language Courses
- ...and many more!

Flexibility of the program with customizable paths and language courses in Spanish and Portuguese with a variety of electives.

Choose between a Major with just 36 credits or... a Minor with just 18 credits.

Many students have already completed a portion of the requirements for either the major or minor! Talk to the Program Director about how your existing coursework fits:
- The perfect complement to any major.
- Ideal for enhancing your career prospects.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES ABOUND!

MAKE YOURSELF INVALUABLE:

International Business:
- Navigate international markets and trade with confidence.
- Open doors to exciting global careers in trade, finance, and consulting.
- Bilingual skills are in high demand!

Education and Research:
- Become a teacher, researcher, or professor specializing in Latin American and Iberian Studies.

Public Policy, Government and Diplomacy:
- Work for the State Department, NGOs, or international organizations.
- Advocate for change in governmental and non-governmental organizations.
- Help shape foreign policy and make a difference on the world stage.

Media and Journalism:
- Report on international events and share stories from around the world.
- Bridge cultural gaps and foster understanding through media.

Non-Profit and Humanitarian Work:
- Address global issues, promote social justice, and work for positive change.
- Make a difference in international humanitarian and social causes.

Tourism and Hospitality:
- Guide travelers, manage resorts, and curate unforgettable experiences.

International Relations:
- Shape diplomacy and foreign affairs with expertise in the region.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL AID

At UD, we're committed to making your education affordable. Explore our scholarship and financial aid options to support your academic journey.

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