

Latin American Studies at BYU



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(approve internships/study abroad experiences)

Help find internships

Study abroad opportunity in Spain

What our Latin American Studies alumni are doing:





Joshua Jaramillo

Now: General surgery resident, Stanford University

At BYU: Latin American Studies Major
Spanish Minor

Internship: Siena Italy, volunteer
ambulance assistant for La Misericordia

“LAS was the perfect major for me because it allowed me to enhance my passion for the Spanish language and Latin people while also allowing me to cultivate professional skills and pursue my interests in medicine and caring for the underserved.”



Brian Scroggins

Now: Las Vegas Hotel industry

After BYU: University of Kentucky Law School (MBA/JD).

At BYU: Latin American Studies Major

Internship: Real Salt Lake Soccer Team

“Majoring in Latin American Studies allowed me to act on that passion and stand out from the competition by advocating for the people that I love.”



Cristina Bolaños

Now: BYU MPA program

At BYU: Double in Latin American Studies and News Media.

Internships: Telemundo Utah and News Assistant at ABC4.

I knew that the Latin American Studies program at BYU would allow me to better understand and empathize with the Latino community in the States. I was not wrong. I'm not only grateful for the skills acquired, but also for the professors in the program. They're some of the most caring and passionate people I have ever met and my time learning from them will always be treasured in my heart. Make sure to find a mentor too. The program has some of the best!



Dick Hess

Now: Account Manager, Cisco Systems

At BYU: Latin American Studies Major
Minor: Business Management

“I knew I wanted a career in sales, and my Latin American Studies major set me apart from other job candidates. I'm now an Account Manager for Cisco Systems where I've been working for almost three years and have been very blessed.”



Alyssa Erickson

Now: Qualtrics—Learning Experience Designer

At BYU Major: Latin American Studies

Minors:

>Music

>Global Business and Literacy

Masters Degree from BYU in Instructional Psychology and Technology

Internships:

>Teaching English in Mexico

>LDS Self Reliance Program, Buenos Aires, Argentina

“Through Latin American Studies, I found an internship in Buenos Aires, Argentina with LDS Self Reliance Services. This internship was the peak of my undergraduate experience.”



José Franco

Now: Seminary teacher

Previous jobs: Qualtrics; Artemis Health,
Account Development Manager for Artemis
Health

At BYU: Latin American Studies Major (2017)
>Business Minor

Internships:

- >Ballard Center On-campus
- >CES Internship

“After graduation I got a job at Qualtrics because of my Portuguese and Spanish skills. ...I never even thought that a Latin American Studies degree would get me a job at a tech company.”

Now: Relationship Manager at Mountain America Credit Union

Previous job: Development Associate
(professional fundraiser) for CHOICE Humanitarian (non profit in Utah County)

At BYU: Major: Latin American Studies
Minor: Nonprofit Management.



Marissa Bernards

“Although there is not always a set career path in LAS, I also knew that the skills I was acquiring were priceless. Now, I go to work every day and get to bless the lives of others because of the knowledge and skills I have.”



Michael Curry

Now: Associate Director of Marketing at
Precoa, Portland Oregon

At BYU: Latin American Studies major
Minor: Business management

“It was fulfilling to look back at my time at
BYU and have a sense of accomplishment and
achievement in the knowledge I had on the
topic. Even today, I love that I have such an
in-depth knowledge of a significant part of the
world.”

Kim Hintze

Now: Job Developer, LDS
Church Employment Services

At BYU: Latin American
Studies major





Lucas Miller

Now: CEO of Echelon Copy, LLC

At BYU: Latin American Studies major

Internship: Teaching English in Peru

“LAS gave me options. I wasn't forced into any single career path. Because of it, I'm as happy as a clam :)”

Now: Roseman Dental School

At BYU: Latin American Studies major

Internship: (summer 2018): Full-time volunteer and translator at the Union Gospel Mission dental clinic (Washington).



Joshua Finch

“LAS is a short enough major to provide time for students to double major, or complete the required classes necessary for their particular graduate program, such as dental or medical school.”



Nate Schwartz
Class of 2017

Now: Spanish Instructor at New Haven RTC

Major at BYU: Latin American Studies; Spanish

Internship: Spanish Instructor at New Haven RTC

“The LAS program gave me the opportunity to create personal relationships with many of my professors. I was able to work personally with faculty to mold the program around my goals, and I feel like today I am well on the road to achieving them.”



Shelby Abbott

Now: in MA program in Security Policy at
George Washington University

At BYU: Major: Latin American Studies
Minor: Global Business

Internship (summer 2018): Department of
State, US Consulate in Guayaquil, Ecuador

Fulbright scholar in Brazil

“Because the LAS major is so short and flexible,
I was able to design my classes to prepare me for
professional opportunities. I was also left with
time to pursue additional experiences that
increased my knowledge but also made me more
marketable. I would not have been able to do all
this in a longer major.”

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