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Cross-Cultural Studies Experiential Learning Component: Latin American Studies

Requirement: at least ★6 from courses that include significant experiential learning components appropriate to the area of study OR in an experience abroad.

Overview of options: Study or work abroad; Community Service-Learning (CSL); Experiential learning component in a course; Arts Work Experience (AWE). **Six credits total required, in any combination.**

Option 1: Study or Work Abroad

Pursue a study abroad program or participate in an exchange. Internships abroad may also be accepted. Common examples: e3 programs, MITACS. Explore opportunities on [our website](#) and through [University of Alberta International \(UAI\)](#).

Option 2: [Community Service-Learning \(CSL\)](#)

Enrol in a course that incorporates Community Service-Learning. CSL options offer insight into what cultural literacy skills offer to our city, whether working with shelters, activist groups, or non-profits such as CJSR radio. You can also pursue a language-related CSL option. Many of our courses offer CSL options – check the syllabi and [our website](#).

MLCS CSL courses:

- A current list of CSL courses across departments is available on the [CSL website](#). We also offer CSL in MLCS 210 and 410

CSL courses:

- [CSL 100 and CSL 200](#) (Note: CSL 100 would fulfill the experiential learning component, but doesn't count towards your ★33+ major credits since it's not senior-level.)
- Other CSL courses outside of MLCS are subject to approval by Academic Advisor

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Option 3: Experiential learning component in a course

Take a course that incorporates a significant experiential learning component. Eligible courses within MLCS can be found on [our website](#) (the list is updated regularly). The level of what is a “significant” experiential component is defined by the department as an experiential project, assignment, field work, or CSL component resulting in 20% or more of the final grade weight. Courses outside this list are subject to approval by the Academic Advisor.

Option 4: [Arts Work Experience](#)

Engage in the Faculty of Arts Co-op program, Arts Work Experience, through which you can gain significant job experience during your studies. This program does not count as course credit towards your degree/major (these are pass/fail), but they would fulfill the experiential learning requirement. This opportunity must be approved in advance by your Academic Advisor.

- WKEXP 801 (4 months) and 802 (8 months)

Here are some common experiential learning choices for Latin American Studies:

- Study abroad with us through our [MLCS Cuba Spring program!](#) Earn 3 credits through LA ST/SPAN 499: Myths and Realities
- Take LA ST 330 and complete the CSL option
- Look at internships, exchanges, and short term study abroad options through [UAI](#). They can take you to Brazil, Madrid, Chile, Peru, Colombia, and beyond!

Have other ideas? We want to hear them! Work with your Academic Advisor to find the opportunity that works for you and helps you reach your goals – inside and outside the classroom.

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