



Bachelor's Degree in Languages: Latin

Program Overview

The Bachelor's Degree in Languages and Liturgy: Latin at the Universidad Católica Americana (UNICA) is a comprehensive academic proposal that unites the Christian tradition of studying the Latin language (*lingua ecclesiae*) with its applications in philology, teaching, history, theology, and liturgy.

In the biblical and ecclesial tradition, Latin has been the vehicular language of the Western Church, of liturgy, theology, canon law, and philosophy. It remains a key to accessing the documentary and intellectual treasures of Western civilization, from Classical Antiquity to the Modern Era.

This vocation for the wisdom of tradition is renewed in the contemporary context through philology, historical linguistics, and literature—academic and professional disciplines aimed at the rigorous study, translation, and application of Latin sources in research and teaching.

The UNICA Bachelor's Degree in Languages and Liturgy: Latin offers an interdisciplinary formation that combines intensive language study (classical and ecclesiastical), paleography, history, and theology, preparing professionals capable of:

- Comprehending and translating Latin texts from various periods and genres (classical, patristic, medieval, and modern).
- Engaging in philological, historical, and theological research with mastery of primary sources.
- Promoting cultural and academic dialogue through linguistic rigor and Christian humanism.
- Leading teaching, translation, and editorial projects in academic and ecclesiastical settings.

Thanks to its virtual and blended modality, the program is accessible to students from diverse contexts, who may conduct translation projects and teaching practices locally or within partner institutions. Its bilingual offer (Spanish and English) further opens opportunities for service in multicultural Christian communities and international environments.

Through this degree, UNICA reaffirms its mission to form ministers and leaders of the Gospel who witness to faith through language and culture, in the spirit of the Gospel and the Social Doctrine of the Church.



Institutional Identity

The Universidad Católica Americana (UNICA) is an ecclesiastical institution of Christian-Catholic inspiration, committed to integral formation in the light of the Gospel and the living tradition of the Church. It integrates faith and reason, fosters spiritual life, and equips students for intellectual, social, and pastoral service in contemporary society.

Mission

To train professionals in Latin language and literature with academic, ethical, pastoral, and spiritual competencies, prepared to research, teach, and disseminate Latin culture, promoting knowledge of tradition and integral human development in fidelity to the Church's evangelizing mission.

Vision

To be recognized as a Catholic university of reference in the formation of Latinists and classical philologists, with an impact on humanistic research, teaching, and cultural preservation in the Americas and beyond.

Values

Truth, Charity, Excellence, Holiness, Unity, and Service.

Technical Program Sheet

Field	Description
Program Name	Bachelor's Degree in Languages and Liturgy: Latin
Academic Level	Undergraduate / Bachelor
Duration	8 semesters (curricular structure organized by semesters)
Total Credits	160 credits (average of 20 credits per semester)
Modality	"Virtual and blended (synchronous/asynchronous classes, intensive translation seminars, and teaching/research practice)"
Language Offer	Spanish / English / Bilingual (according to student selection)
Degree Awarded	Bachelor's Degree in Languages and Liturgy: Latin — Universidad Católica Americana (UNICA)

Admission Requirements (Profile and Documentation)

- Recognized High School Diploma or equivalent (GED).



- Academic transcript / secondary school record.
- Personal essay (letter of motivation and vocational discernment toward linguistic and classical studies).
- Admission interview (academic and linguistic/vocational).
- One pastoral or academic recommendation.
- Language proficiency according to the selected modality (see language section).
- For international students: compliance with visa and immigration requirements.
- The university may include additional requirements per institutional and accreditation policies.

Educational Purpose

To train leaders and ministers in Latin with strong linguistic, philological, and historical preparation, capable of translating, interpreting, and teaching the Latin language as a key to Christian and Western culture—especially for the celebration of the sacraments in the tradition of the Ancient Roman Catholic Church.

Learning Outcomes

Upon graduation, the Bachelor in Languages: Latin will be able to:

- Analyze and translate complex Latin texts from classical, medieval, and modern periods.
- Apply philological methodologies in researching Latin literary and documentary sources.
- Integrate biblical, theological, and social doctrine foundations through original Latin texts.
- Design and lead teaching and dissemination projects of Latin language and culture in ecclesial environments.
- Promote the study of tradition and its relevance in contemporary cultural dialogue.
- Develop paleography and textual criticism skills for Latin manuscripts.
- Use digital and technological resources for philological editing and cataloging.
- Research and evaluate the influence of Latin on Romance languages and academic terminology.



Competencies

- **General:** Critical thinking, oral and written communication, academic leadership, teamwork, intercultural sensitivity, digital competence.
- **Specific:** Advanced Latin translation, historical grammar, paleography, classical philology, fundamental theology (in Latin), Social Doctrine of the Church, teaching of languages.

Language Offer and Requirements

The program is offered in three modalities: Spanish, English, and Bilingual. Language certification requirements are equivalent to those of other UNICA programs (TOEFL/IELTS, DELE, or institutional exams).

Curriculum by Semester (8 semesters — 160 credits)

Semester	Code	Course	Credits	Description	Prerequisites
1	LAT-101	Latin Grammar I: Morphology	6	Fundamentals of grammar, declensions, and conjugations.	None
	LAT-102	Introduction to Classical and Roman Culture	6	Historical and cultural foundations of the Latin world.	None
	LAT-103	Latin Literature I: Introductory Authors	4	Reading and analysis of simple Latin texts and key authors.	None
	LAT-104	Latin Phonetics and Orthography	4	Pronunciation and orthographic rules of classical and ecclesiastical Latin.	None
		Total Credits:	20		
2	LAT-201	Latin Grammar II: Syntax and Prose	6	Advanced syntax and translation of prose texts.	LAT-101
	LAT-202	Introduction to Fundamental Theology	6	Basic concepts of faith, Revelation, and ecclesial Tradition.	LAT-102



	LAT-203	Greek Language and Classical Culture I	4	Introduction to grammar and civilization of Ancient Greek.	LAT-101
	LAT-204	Methods of Philological and Linguistic Research	4	Techniques for analysis and study of ancient texts.	LAT-104
		Total Credits:	20		
3	LAT-301	Latin Literature II: Classical Period (Caesar and Cicero)	6	Intensive reading and analysis of classical republican authors.	LAT-201
	LAT-302	Church History and the <i>Lingua Ecclesiae</i>	6	The role of Latin in evangelization and Church history.	LAT-202
	LAT-303	Latin Poetry and Metrics	4	Study of poetry, lyric genres, and metrical patterns.	LAT-201
	LAT-304	Scholastic Philosophy and Latin Terminology	4	Latin as a tool for medieval philosophy and theology.	None
		Total Credits:	20		
4	LAT-401	Latin Literature III: Imperial Era (Virgil and Tacitus)	6	Reading and analysis of major authors of the Roman Empire.	LAT-301
	LAT-402	Ecclesiastical and Patristic Latin (St. Augustine)	6	Study of the Latin of the Fathers of the Church and the Vulgate.	LAT-302
	LAT-403	Introduction to Paleography and Textual Criticism	4	Study of manuscripts and textual tradition.	LAT-303
	LAT-404	General Elective I	4	Elective course in humanities or social sciences.	As applicable
		Total Credits:	20		
5	LAT-501	Medieval and Humanistic Latin	6	Evolution of Latin during the Middle Ages and Renaissance.	LAT-401



	LAT-502	History of Liturgy and Latin in Worship	6	Analysis of Latin liturgical texts (Missal, Breviary, etc.).	LAT-402
	LAT-503	Latin Literature IV: Neo-Latin and Science	4	Reading of modern and scientific Latin texts.	LAT-403
	LAT-504	Translation Practice I (Supervised)	4	First supervised experience translating specialized texts.	LAT-301
		Total Credits:	20		
6	LAT-601	Historical Linguistics and Romance Philology	6	Study of Latin's evolution into Romance languages.	LAT-204
	LAT-602	Social Doctrine of the Church (and Classical Tradition)	6	Study of the Church's social teaching and its Latin roots.	LAT-402
	LAT-603	Text Editing and Documentary Criticism Workshop	4	Practice in philological editing and text preparation.	LAT-403
	LAT-604	Teaching Practice I (Intensive)	4	Intensive experience in teaching the Latin language.	LAT-504
		Total Credits:	20		
7	LAT-701	Latin Literature V: <i>Corpus Iuris Canonici</i>	6	Study of juridical Latin and the structure of Canon Law.	LAT-501
	LAT-702	Ecumenism, Dialogue, and Latin in Unity	6	Latin as a bridge for dialogue between Eastern and Western Churches.	LAT-302
	LAT-703	Leadership and Management of Latin Cultural Projects	4	Competencies for promoting and managing Latin culture.	LAT-502
	LAT-704	Advanced Elective in Language (Hebrew or Greek II)	4	Advanced course in a biblical or classical language.	As applicable



		Total Credits:	20		
8	LAT-801	Integrative Seminar and Philological Thesis	10	Development and defense of an original translation or philological research project.	LAT-601
	LAT-802	Professional Ethics and Philologist's Deontology	6	Ethical principles in research, translation, and teaching.	LAT-302
	LAT-803	Latin Didactics and New Technologies	4	Modern pedagogical strategies for teaching classical languages.	LAT-502
		Total Credits:	20		

Methodology and Evaluation

- Blended methodology: synchronous/asynchronous classes, continuous translation workshops, reading seminars, intensive courses, and field practice in academic or ecclesiastical institutions.
- Continuous evaluation: grammar and syntax exercises, literary analysis reports, translation projects (Latin–Spanish/English and vice versa), philological research, and thesis defense.
- In bilingual modality, social and linguistic competencies will be evaluated in both languages.