

Latin American and Latino Studies Minor

A Latin American and Latino Studies minor (LALS) is available to provide students interested in Latin American and Latino history and language with valuable interdisciplinary skills. Because this is an interdisciplinary program, students will enroll in courses in History & Philosophy and Modern Languages & Literatures. Courses in Sociology & Anthropology, as well as other departments with relevant course content, will also be allowed for credit subject to approval by the program coordinator. This minor will complement majors for students pursuing graduate school and professional programs in agriculture, engineering, history, literature, political science, sociology, international business, and more. The minor will also strengthen the skill-sets of students who wish to become more competitive in the Spanish speaking job market, either abroad or in the United States. A minor in LALS will prepare students for the close relationship developing between Latin American and the United States in trade agreements, the growing immigrant laborers, and the expansion of Latin American and Latino communities in the United States with significant political and economic power. This program is not designed for teacher certification.

Those wishing to declare a minor in Latin American and Latino Studies must submit an "Application for a Non-teaching Minor" to the Registrar's Office by the end of the semester one year prior to the semester of completion.

The equivalent of four semesters of Spanish language is required. Students with prior experience in Spanish language may have some requirements waived. Students interested in the LALS minor should consult with the Department of Modern Languages & Literatures immediately upon their decision to fulfill the minor so that they can ascertain the language requirements that are appropriate for them.

Required Courses

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SPNS 101	Elementary Spanish I	3
SPNS 102D	Elementary Spanish II	3
SPNS 201D	Intermediate Spanish I	3
SPNS 202D	Intermediate Spanish II	3
HSTR 130D	Latin American History	3

Note: Coursework in another language spoken in Latin America (excluding English) will also be accepted.

Elective Courses

Select 4 courses from at least two different disciplines (SPNS, SOCI, HSTR, etc): 12

ARTH 310	Art and Architecture of Ancient Mesoamerica	
GH 353	The U.S.-Mexican Border: History, Politics and Culture	
HSTR 430	Latin Amer Social History	
HSTR 431	Race in Latin America	
HSTR 432	Colonial Latin America	
HSTR 433	Latin American Perspectives	
HSTR 434	Gender in Latin America	
HSTR 435	Latin America: Human Rights	
HSTR 436	Armed Conflict in Modern Latin America	
HSTR 438	Latin American Nature in History and Culture	
PSCI 423	Politics of Development	
SOCI 370	Sociology of Globalization	

SOCI 485	Political Sociology
SPNS 250	Spanish for Healthcare Professionals
SPNS 329	Early Cultures of Latin America
SPNS 330	Modern Cultures Latin America
SPNS 332	Contemp Latin Amer Literature
SPNS 333	To Infinity and Beyond: Jorge Luis Borges
SPNS 335IH	Travel in Latin Am Lit & Film
SPNS 350	US Latino Cultures
SPNS 351	US Latino Literature
SPNS 352IH	U.S. Latino Text & Cinema
SPNS 361	Latin American Text and Cinema
SPNS 371	Latin America in Focus
SPNS 416	Latin America: Culture and Revolution
SPNS 430	Latin Amer Perspectives
SPNS 445	Hispanic Caribbean: Cuba, Puerto Rico, Dominican Republic

Total Credits 27

Not all elective courses may be taken in the same department. A total of 9 credits must be at the 300 or 400 level. This list may expand as other disciplines develop courses that contain a substantial Latin American or Latino component. Upcoming SPNS courses include "Chicanos and the Southwest," "Indigenismo," "Borges," and "Service Learning: Experience Latin American Today."