Latin American Studies Minor Requirements

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Students in the Latin American Studies Program explore the region through a variety of lenses, which they develop through an individualized and multi-disciplinary course of study. Students select from courses primarily in history; language, literature and culture; and political science, as well as economics, theology, sociology and art history. This multi-disciplinary approach to the region prepares students for graduate study or careers in government, nonprofit, education, and business environments. Study abroad in Latin America is strongly encouraged.

Students complete the Minor in Latin American Studies with six courses. Since a level of proficiency in one of the region’s languages is a key component of the minor, students must complete two relevant courses from the Department of Modern and Classical Languages beyond the Intermediate I (201) level or demonstrate proficiency through other means. In addition, to ensure the interdisciplinary focus of the minor, courses from at least three participating departments must be represented among the six courses completed. Students may petition the Latin American Studies Advisory Board to receive credit for courses not listed below.

Sample Course Offerings:
Please note: Students may count a maximum of two of the following courses towards the Minor in Latin American Studies: SPA 202, SPA 301, SPA 302, SPA 303, SPA 310, SPA 410, SPA 411.

ART 106 The Art of Colonial Latin America (NON-WESTERN)
ECN 370 Economic Development (GLOBALIZATION)
ECN 482 Latin American Economies
EDU 357 Education and the Jesuit Mission in Latin America
FRE 461 Caribbean Francophone Literature (DIVERSITY)
HIS 203 Historical Introduction to Latin America (NON-WESTERN)
HIS 204 Latin American-U.S. Migration (DIVERSITY)
HIS 301 United States and Latin America
HIS 302 Colonial Mexico (NON-WESTERN)
HIS 303 History of Modern Mexico (NON-WESTERN)
HIS 304 Social Protest in Latin American History (NON-WESTERN)
HIS 475 Seminar in Latin American History
IHS 368 (THE 368) Just Health Care in Developing Nations (GLOBALIZATION)
LTT 461 The Franco-Afro-Caribbean Story (DIVERSITY; ETHICS INTENSIVE)
MCC360 Space and Place in Colonial Latin America (Honors)
POL 331 Latin American Politics
POL 337 Contemporary Cuban Politics and Society
POL 352 Global Political Economies
SPA 202 Intermediate Spanish II
SPA 301 Spanish Conversation
SPA 302 Spanish Composition (WRITING INTENSIVE)
SPA 303 Spanish for Heritage Speakers
SPA 310 Introduction to Literatures of the Spanish-Speaking World
SPA 320 Current Events in the Spanish-Language Media: Latin America
SPA 350 Introduction to Latin American Cultures (NON-WESTERN)
SPA 355 Rio de la Plata: Study Tour
SPA 360 Faith, Justice and Spanish-Speaking Communities
SPA 401 Topics in Latin American Cultures
SPA 410 From the Old World to the New in Hispanic Literature I
SPA 411 From the Modern World to the Present in Hispanic Literature II
SPA 420 Major Latin American Authors
SPA 421 Latin American Modern Novel
SPA 422 Culture, Dictatorship and Exile in the Latin American Southern Cone 1973-85
SPA 423 Latin American Modern Short Story
SPA 424 The Discourse of Latin American Modernity (Poetry)
SPA 425 Imagery of Conquest: Indigenous and Mestizo Perspectives (NON-WESTERN)
SPA 426 Culture in Revolution
SPA 431 Commonplaces of Colonial Experience (NON-WESTERN)
SPA 466 Spanish Dialectology
SPA 467 Language Contact and Politics in the U.S. (DIVERSITY)
SOC 271 Sociology of Migration (GLOBALIZATION)
THE 356 Liberation and Political Theologies
THE 358 Faith, Justice and the Jesuit Mission in Bolivia (NON-WESTERN)
THE 368 (IHS 368) Just Health Care in Developing Nations (GLOBALIZATION)

Some courses may be appropriate depending on the focus in a given semester, including the student’s final research project. Students should consult the Program Director for more information:

ECN 321 International Trade (GLOBALIZATION)
ECN 322 International Macroeconomics (GLOBALIZATION)
PHL 257 Philosophy and Liberation
POL 341 Revolution and Development
POL 342 Nationalism
POL 407 Seminar on Democracy and Democratization
SOC 316 From Co-op to Cup: Fair Trade Coffee in Nicaragua (Study Tour)
SPA 470 Topics in Spanish
THE 362 Faith and Justice: Scripture and Social Values