

LATIN AMERICAN AND LATINO STUDIES

Minor in Latin American and Latino Studies

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The Program

This minor focuses on the diverse transnational phenomena that characterize Pan American history and culture. It integrates the study of Chicano/Latino communities in the United States with the study of the history, political and social structures, and the arts and cultures of Latin America. Through this interdisciplinary study, students will learn about the forces that shape "greater Latin America," a region that includes both the northern and southern hemispheres of the Americas. Of particular interest is the relationship between culture and political and economic expansion, the forging of new national cultures in Latin America and in the United States, the emergence of border and diaspora cultures, and the evolution of cultures that cross-pollinate and circulate across global routes.

This minor welcomes students who would complement this course of study with a major or second minor in technical areas: appropriate technology, computers, natural resources, environmental studies or in social work, education, or health care fields. It also welcomes majors in the arts and humanities.

The program prepares students to enter the public or private sector, in for-profit or non-profit organizations in the US or abroad. It is a helpful preparation for students planning to work in Latino communities in the US. This

program also provides a basic foundation for further graduate work and scholarship in related fields.

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MINOR

15-19 Units. These are minimum requirements. Students are encouraged to take Special Topics, General Education and other courses related to the minor.

Core Courses

9-11 units from the following:

ES 105 Introduction to U.S. Ethnic Studies**

Choose one course:

ES 310 US & Mexico Border

ES 314 Chicano Culture and Society in America**

Choose one course:

GEOG/ES 304 Migrations and Mosaics

GEOG 341 Middle America

GEOG 344 South America**

HIST 309 Revolution, Reform, Response** (part of 9-unit package with Spanish 309 and Women's Studies 309)

HIST 326 History of Mexico

HIST 384 20th Century American West**

SPAN 402 Hispanic Civilization: Latin America***

Culture and the Arts

Two courses from the following:

ART 104M Latin American Art** or

ART 301 The Artist: Mexican Muralists in Mexico and the US** or

ART 316 Topics in early 20th Century Art: Mexican Muralists in Mexico & the US

ENGL 240 World Literature*

ENGL 305 Postcolonial Perspectives: Literature of the Developing World**

ENGL 465 Multicultural Issues in Literature of the Developing World**

ES/ENGL 336 American Ethnic Literature**

MUS 485 Seminar: Art and Dance of Latin America

SPAN 345 Hispanic Cinema**

SPAN/WS 450 Threads of Communication: Women Arts of the Americas

SPAN 480 Undergraduate Seminar* (taught in English or Spanish)

WS/FREN/SPAN 306 Sex, Class, and Culture: Gender & Ethnic Issues in International Short Stories**

Various other special topics may be appropriate to this minor. Such courses will be approved on a case-by-case basis by the minor advisors.

The Spanish program is currently under review. It is likely that course titles and numbers will change as they are reorganized. If this is the case, courses dealing with Latin America will be accepted.

Language Requirement

Demonstrate a basic Spanish language proficiency of 1+ on the current US government scale. Meet this requirement by standardized test or by completing one 4-unit language course beyond Spanish second year. The following courses will satisfy this requirement:

SPAN 311 Spanish Level V, Advanced Grammar and Composition

or

Any Spanish 300-400 level course.

Residency Abroad / Internship

Students are encouraged to complete study abroad and/or an internship experience in a Latino community setting in the U. S. in conjunction with their major course of study.

A combination of the language acquisition program and field research (or professional internship) is possible. Residency in a Latin American country should take place only after extensive consultation with the appropriate academic advisors.



*Course only meets requirements if specific topic is appropriate to the minor. Consult with an advisor

**Courses also meet GE and/or DCG requirements

***Course taught in non-English language (Spanish, French, German)