Latin American Studies Minor

The Latin American Studies Minor, which is part of the International & Area Studies IDP, is designed for students who wish to augment their major with concerted study of the history, culture, and society of Latin America from an interdisciplinary and modern perspective.

Minor Preparation Requirements: 3 Lower Division Courses

Preparation Courses

- Introduction to International & Area Studies (1 course)
  International & Area Studies 1

- International Societies & Cultures (2 courses)
  Anthropology 9 • Comparative Literature 1D (or 2DW or 4DW) • Economics 1, 2 • Ethnomusicology 5, 25 • Geography 3, 4, 6 • History 2B, 22 • Political Science 50 (or 50R) • Sociology 1 • World Arts & Cultures 20, 33

Area Preparation: Students may substitute an area preparation course towards the International Societies & Cultures preparation requirement. This course may be selected from the following list: Poverty and Health in Latin America 26A, History 8A, 8B, 8C, 97E • International & Area Studies 50 • Portuguese 40B, 46 • Spanish 44

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Admission to the Minor:

To be admitted to the Latin American Studies Minor, students must be in good academic standing (minimum 2.00 GPA overall) and have completed all preparation courses for the minor with a minimum GPA of 2.00 in these courses.

After satisfying these requirements, students may declare the Latin American Studies Minor upon consultation with the Academic Counselor for Latin American Studies.

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Minor Requirements: 5 Upper Division Courses

Area Studies-Group 1

- Humanities & Arts (2 courses)
  Art History C142A, C142B, 144 • Comparative Literature 177 • English 135 • Ethnomusicology 107, M108A, 108B, 161K† • Film & Television 106C • Portuguese 130A, 130B, 141B, 142A, 142B • Spanish 120 • World Arts & Cultures C139

- Social Sciences (2 courses)
Additional Elective (1 course)

One additional course selected from the Area Studies-Group 1 courses, listed above, or one course from the Area Studies-Group 2 courses, listed below.

Area Studies-Group 2: The Area Studies Electives listed in Group 1 focus on contemporary issues of that region (post-1750). However, students may substitute a maximum of 1 upper division course focusing on earlier historical aspects of the region or on diasporas with origins related to the region toward the Area Studies Additional Elective category. This course may be selected from the following list:

Anthropology 114P, 114R • Art History C139A, C139B, C141 • Chicano Studies M105D, M105E, 109, M 119, 142, M159B, 184, M187 • Ethnomusicology M116 • History 157A, 157B • Portuguese 143A

Note that students may partially fulfill the Upper Division requirements for the Latin American Studies minor by participating in a suitable International Institute Summer Travel Study program. These programs consist of two courses in and on a particular region of the world. Please consult the Academic Counselor for more information on available programs.

- All courses used towards the minor (including preparation for the minor courses) must be taken for a letter grade.
- One Upper Division Language course (Advanced Level of Spanish or Portuguese) may be applied to Humanities and Arts Elective courses by petition to the Chair of the program.
- The minimum UC GPA for preparation courses is 2.00. The minimum GPA for upper division courses is 2.00.
- No more than two Upper Division courses may be applied toward both this minor and the student’s major or another minor.
- Courses designated with a “†” are 2-unit courses and must either be taken twice- or two courses from the same category (if applicable) may be taken to count as one 4-unit course.
- Students must request that the Latin American Studies Minor be added to their records once all preparation requirements have been completed. Successful completion of the minor is indicated on the transcript and diploma.

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