

## Language Requirement

Language facility is an important part of regional and cross-cultural understanding. Students enrolled or contemplating this minor are encouraged to complete their language courses as early as possible in their program.

*All students seeking this minor must complete second year Spanish or its equivalent.*

Students who are registered in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences will complete the language requirement by taking Spanish to fulfill the language requirements for the B.A. Students in other divisions may apply Spanish 204 as an elective for the minor as well as meeting the language requirement.

Students who study abroad in Latin America can petition to have some of their courses count towards the requirements.

### Study Abroad

Students are encouraged to study abroad as part of the minor. The courses that comprise the IU South Bend summer program “Language, Culture and Society in Mexico” and the program “Sustainable Development and Inclusive Democracy in Costa Rica” can all be applied to the minor. Students can also discuss other study abroad options with the Latin American Studies faculty or the Director of International Programs.

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**Indiana University South Bend  
Office of International Programs**

# Minor in Latin American/ Latino Studies



**Latin American/Latino Studies** focuses on the culture, society, and history of South America, Central America, Mexico, and the Caribbean, as well as on experiences of people from the United States and their descendents from these regions. The approach is holistic and interdisciplinary, combining language proficiency and cultural appreciation with analysis of social institutions and the processes of social, political, economic, and cultural change.

**Electives**

The six credits of electives may be drawn from the listed courses or an approved substitute. A course cannot be used for both a core requirement and an elective. *To preserve the minor's interdisciplinary focus, courses must be drawn from at least two different departments.*

Students seeking to apply a course with a comprehensive theme to the minor must demonstrate that a major portion of their works, such as a term paper or similar assignment, dealt directly with a Latin American or Latino topic.

Anthropology

- E300 Peoples and Cultures of Latin America
- E335 Prehistoric Civilizations of Mesoamerica
- A385 Topics in Anthropology (when content applies)

Geography

- G213 Economic Geography and Political Geography (when contents apply)

History

- T 190 Intellectual Traditions (when content applies)
- H211 Latin American Culture I
- H212 Latin American Culture II
- F300 Issues in Latin American History

- A352 Latinos in the US
- J495 Revolutions (instructor's permission required)

International Studies

- I490 Intl Studies Capstone Seminar (when content applies).

Political Science

- Y324/W301 Women & Global Politics (when content applies)
- Y330 Central American Politics
- Y337 Latin American Politics
- Y343 The Politics of International Development (when content applies)

Psychology

- P391 Psychology of Gender, Race and Ethnicity (when content applies)

Sociology

- SOC335 Race & Ethnic Relations (when content applies)
- SOC362 World Society & Culture: Mexico/ Costa Rica
- SOC410 International Inequalities and Global Issues (when content applies)

Spanish

- SPAN204 Second Year Spanish II
- SPAN275 Hispanic Culture & Conversation
- SPAN302 The Hispanic World 2
- SPAN303 The Hispanic World (Summer I)
- SPAN317 Spanish Conversation
- SPAN363 Introducción a la Cultura Hispánica
- SPAN412 Latin American Culture and Civilization
- SPAN416 Modern Hispanic Poetry
- SPAN400 Any, when content applies
- SPAN496 Spanish abroad, in Latin America

Speech Communication

- SPCH427 Cross-cultural Communication (when content applies)

J480 and V450 (when contents apply)

**MINOR REQUIREMENTS**

The minor consists of a minimum of 15 credit hours distributed as follows:

**Two core courses in Latin American history, politics, society, or culture: 6 cr.**

- H211 Latin American Culture I
- H212 Latin American Culture II
- A352 Latinos in the US
- E335 Prehistoric Civilizations of Mesoamerica
- E300 Peoples and Cultures of Latin America
- Y330 Central American Politics (Mexico & Caribbean)
- Y337 Latin American Politics (South America)
- SOC 362 World Society & Culture: Mexico
- SOC 362 World Society & Cult: Costa Rica
- SPAN 275 Hispanic Culture & Conversation
- SPAN 302 The Hispanic World 2
- SPAN 363 Intro. a la Cultura Hispanica
- SPAN 412 Latin American Culture & Civ.

**Electives: 6 cr.**

**One 400 level course with Latin American or Latino Studies focus 3 cr.**

All course work for the minor should be planned with an advisor from the Latin American/Latino Studies Faculty.

