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.

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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 descendants 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 G313 Political Geography (when contents apply)

History

T190 Intellectual Traditions (when content applies)
H211 Latin American Culture I
H212 Latin American Culture II
F300 Issues in Latin American History

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

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)

Speech Communication

SPCH427 Cross-cultural Communication (when content applies)

Electives

One 400 level course with Latin American or Latino Studies focus 6 cr.

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