**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 summer programs, “Language, Culture and Society in Mexico,” “Building Sustainable Communities in Costa Rica,” and “Archeology in the Dominican Republic” can all be applied to the minor. The Mexico and Costa Rica programs also satisfy Gen. Ed. requirements. Students can also discuss other study abroad options with the Director of International Programs.

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For more information contact Dr. Hayley Froysland, committee chair, or one of the faculty members above.
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.

**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)
  - SOC362 World Society & Culture: Mexico
  - SOC362 World Society & Cult: Costa Rica
  - SPAN275 Hispanic Culture & Conversation
  - SPAN302 The Hispanic World 2
  - SPAN363 Intro. a la Cultura Hispánica
  - SPAN412 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

- **6 electives from the following departments:**
  
  **Anthropology**
  - E300 Peoples and Cultures of Latin America
  - E335 Prehistoric Civilizations of Mesoamerica
  - A385 Topics in Anthropology*
  - P398 Ancient Civilizations
  - P405 Field Study in Archeology

  **History**
  - T 190/390 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 When content applies (instructor’s permission required)

  **International Studies**
  - I490 Intl Studies Capstone Seminar*

  **Psychology**
  - P391 Psychology of Gender, Race and Ethnicity*

  **Sociology**
  - S335 Race & Ethnic Relations*
  - S362 World Society & Culture: Mexico/ Costa Rica
  - S410 International Inequalities and Global Issues*

  **Spanish**
  - S204 Second Year Spanish II
  - S275 Hispanic Culture & Conversation
  - S302 The Hispanic World 2
  - S303 The Hispanic World (Summer I)
  - S317 Spanish Conversation
  - S363 Introducción a la Cultura Hispánica
  - S412 Latin American Culture and Civilization
  - S416 Modern Hispanic Poetry
  - S400 Any, when content applies
  - S496 Spanish abroad, in Latin America

  **Speech Communication**
  - S427 Cross-cultural Communication*
  - R 404 Topical Seminar in Telecommunications* (eg., Brazilian Film, Latin American Film)

  **Women’s Studies**
  - WOST W400 Gender, Sexuality, and Race in Contemporary U.S. Immigration

*When content applies