



MINOR IN LATIN AMERICAN AND LATINX STUDIES

Students in this 18-semester credit-hour minor are immersed in the language and cultural history of the Latin American region, which includes the transnational migration of peoples, ideas, and goods across the Spanish-speaking world. The minor provides valuable training for those pursuing careers in business, criminal justice and law, education, health, public administration, the publishing and media industries, and social work. These expanding career fields seek students with a solid and critical interpretation of the transnational experiences and the contributions of Latin Americans and Latinxs in the United States and abroad. The minor equips students with career skills and prepare them for potential graduate study in multiple fields.

Each student pursuing a minor in LALS will complete 18 semester credit hours of required and elective courses from a wide array of courses as designated below. LALS courses will be taught in English. SPAN courses may be conducted in English or Spanish.

NEWLY DEVELOPED COURSES

LALS 2311 Introduction to Latin American and Latinx Studies / Intro LatAm&Latinx Studies

Students apply core interdisciplinary concepts to examine a complex and diverse range of themes and perspectives. Topics may include language, culture, history, civil rights, and social and political identities in Latin America, Spain, and the United States. **(REQUIRED)**

LALS 2321 Latin American and Latinx Literature and Culture / LatAm & Latinx Lit & Culture

Students analyze selected literary genres and cultural themes across the national boundaries of Latin America, Spain, and the United States. Topics include migration, exile, and native literatures. Students access the Hispanic world through texts written in or translated to English. **(REQUIRED)**

LALS 2331 Latin American and Latinx Linguistics and Culture / LatAm & Latinx Ling & Culture

Students integrate interdisciplinary research methodologies in applied linguistics through a cultural lens to investigate linguistic phenomena in contemporary Latin America, Spain, and the United States. Topics include language use in specific cultural contexts such as civil rights and politics, language variation, and linguistic identity. **(REQUIRED)**

LALS 3340 Latin American and Latinx Gender Studies/ LatAm&Latinx Gender Studies

Students apply key interdisciplinary concepts to critique the meanings of sex and gender in Latin America, Spain, and the United States. Topics include contemporary and historical approaches to investigate issues of gender and sexuality, and the multiple ways that sex and gender interact with race, class, nationality and other social identities.

LALS 3350 Latin American and Latinx Cross-Cultural Communication/ Cross-Cultural Communication

Students examine the complex relationship between language usage and cultural influences through a study of the linguistic, social, and contextual factors affecting communication in Spanish. Students also investigate the relationship between English and Spanish in contact. Topics may include conversational norms, pragmatic variation, and cross-cultural comparisons between varieties of Spanish and English.

SPAN 2350 Spanish for Heritage Speakers

Designed for students with a Spanish language and/or cultural background, the course builds on existing Spanish language skills to develop literacy through intensive formal and academic reading and writing which emphasizes the Latinx experience in the U.S. and throughout the Spanish-speaking world. Topics include spelling, verb tenses, registers, and transfers from English.

ESTABLISHED COURSES

SPAN 3363 Survey of Spanish Literature II
SPAN 3374 Introduction to Literatures of Spanish America
SPAN 3375 Genres in Spanish American Literature
SPAN 3380 Spanish Culture & Civilization
SPAN 3381 Spanish Lit for Children
SPAN 3385 Spanish American Culture and Civilization
SPAN 4364 Spanish American Prose
SPAN 4365 Pablo Picasso & Spanish Art
SPAN 4370 Seminar in Selected Topics Literacy, Language, and Civilization
SPAN 4371 Spanish for Criminal Justice
SPAN 4372 Spanish for Business
SPAN 4373 Spanish for Mass Communication
SPAN 4374 Spanish for Health Professions
GEOG 2356 Regional Geography-Latin America, Africa, South Asia
HIST 3391 Colonial Latin America
HIST 3398 Texas and the Southwest
SOC 2319 Introduction to Ethnic Studies
SOC 3324 Social Inequality
SOC 4330 Sociology of Migration

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