Latin American Studies

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The minor in Latin American studies enables students to combine study of a major field in the arts, humanities, sciences, or social sciences with a focused study of Latin American and Hispanic/Latino history, culture, and contemporary affairs. The program includes a major component of overseas study integrated with courses from various disciplines on campus. Overseas study programs offered in Latin America allow students to spend up to a year studying in curricular areas not covered on the Lewis & Clark campus.

The interdisciplinary minor is supervised by a group of faculty from several departments. This group coordinates the curriculum, advises students, supervises major research projects, and plans special events.

Students may apply for admission to the minor only after being accepted for an appropriate overseas study program.

Minor Requirements

A minimum of 24 semester credits, distributed as follows:

- One of the following:
  
  HIST 141 Colonial Latin American History  
  HIST 142 Modern Latin American History  
  LAS 200 Latin American Cultural Studies  
  SOAN 266 Social Change in Latin America  

- A minimum of one and a maximum of three international studies courses (language courses do not apply) taken while participating in a Lewis & Clark overseas study program in Latin America, hence a minimum of one semester in Latin America is required.

- Up to four additional courses from the following list. It is highly recommended that one of these be a Latin American literature course.

Art
ART 207 Pre-Columbian Art

History
HIST 141 Colonial Latin American History  
HIST 142 Modern Latin American History  
HIST 242 Borderlands: U.S.-Mexico Border, 16th Century to Present  
HIST 345 Race and Nation in Latin America  
HIST 347 Modern Mexico: Culture, Politics, and Economic Crisis  
HIST 348 Modern Cuba  
HIST 400 Reading Colloquium (when focus is on Latin America)  
HIST 450 History Seminar (when focus is on Latin America)

Spanish

Hispanic Studies
SPAN 230 Hispanic Literature in Translation  
SPAN 360 Latin America and Spain: Pre-Columbian to Baroque  
SPAN 370 Latin America and Spain: Enlightenment to the Present  
SPAN 440 Topics in Hispanic Literatures (when focus is on Latin America)  
SPAN 444 Spanish Practicum (when focus is on Latin America)  
SPAN 446 Special Topics in Hispanic Literatures and Cultures (when focus is on Latin America)  
SPAN 450 Special Topics in Spanish (when focus is on Latin America)

Sociology/Anthropology
SOAN 261 Gender and Sexuality in Latin America  
SOAN 266 Social Change in Latin America  
SOAN 349 Indigenous Peoples: Identities and Politics  
SOAN 400 Senior Seminar and Thesis (when focus is on Latin America)

International Affairs
IA 231 Latin American Politics  
IA 430 International Affairs Seminar (when focus is on Latin America)

Music
MUS 137 World Music: Latin America

At least three of the courses used for the minor must be taken on campus at Lewis & Clark.

A minimum of 12 semester credits must be discrete to the minor (in other words, may not be used in any other set of major or minor requirements).

Forthcoming Overseas Study Programs

General Culture Offerings
Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic: every fall, every spring  
Santiago de los Caballeros, Dominican Republic: every fall, every spring  
Cuenca, Ecuador: every spring, every summer

Language-Intensive Offerings
Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic: every fall, every spring (with option of full year)  
Santiago or Valparaiso, Chile: Annual: every fall, every spring (with option of full year)

For details, see Foreign Languages and Literatures and Overseas and Off-Campus Programs.

Faculty

Bruce M. Podobnik. Associate professor of sociology, director of political economy program. Environmental...


**LAS 200 Latin American Cultural Studies**

Faculty: Latin American Studies Faculty.

Content: Theoretical approaches to the study of Latin American culture. Focused study of particular writers, artists, and musicians. Topics include indigenismo, nationalism, post-colonialism, the African diaspora, borderlands, and hybridity. Interdisciplinary approach integrates literary, historical, and anthropological modes of inquiry in this team-taught, bilingual class. To earn Hispanic studies credit, students must do their papers in Spanish.

Prerequisites: SPAN 201. For students who wish to earn Hispanic studies credit, SPAN 301.

Restrictions: Sophomore standing required, unless section number is preceded by an "F."

Usually offered: Alternate Years, fall and spring semester. Semester credits: 4.