

MINOR IN LATIN AMERICAN AND LATINO/A STUDIES

The Minor in Latin American and Latino/a Studies is designed for students interested in the languages, history, politics, and cultures of Latin America and in its presence in the United States. Students are encouraged to develop a program that is both international and comparative in perspective, and that takes into account the heterogeneous cultural experiences of people living in the vast territory encompassed by the term Latin America, as well as of those living in the United States who identify themselves as Latino/a.

The minor consists of six subjects (at least three of which must be MIT subjects, including required subject 17.55[J] Introduction to Latin American Studies), arranged in four areas of study:

- Area I: Language
- Area II: Humanities and the Arts
- Area III: Social Sciences
- Area IV: Historical Studies

Subjects in Latin American and Latino/a Studies are also available from Harvard University and Wellesley College through cross-registration. Students must receive permission from the minor advisor prior to registering for a class at another institution.

Five of the six subjects taken for the minor may be counted toward the eight-subject HASS Requirement. Of these five, at most one may count toward the distribution component of the HASS Requirement. Of the six subjects required for the minor, at least four cannot be counted toward a major or another minor.

Area I: Language¹

Select two from among the following: 24

21G.703	Spanish III
21G.704	Spanish IV
21G.710	Advanced Communication in Spanish: Topics in Language and Culture
21G.711	Advanced Spanish Conversation and Composition: Perspectives on Technology and Culture
21G.712	Spanish Conversation and Composition
21G.713	Spanish through Film: Mexico, Chile, Argentina, and Spain
21G.714	Spanish for Heritage Learners
21G.715	Topics in Medicine and Public Health in the Hispanic World
21G.803	Portuguese III
21G.804	Portuguese IV

Select four subjects, including 17.55[J], from at least two of the following areas:^{2, 3}

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Area II: Humanities and the Arts

Subjects taught in English:

21G.070[J]	Latin America and the Global Sixties: Counterculture and Revolution
21G.072[J]	The New Latin American Novel
21L.019	Introduction to European and Latin American Fiction
WGS.242	The Latina Experience in Literature, Film and Popular Culture

Subjects taught in Spanish:

21G.731[J]	Creation of a Continent: Media Representations of Hispanic America, 1492 to present
21G.735	Advanced Topics in Hispanic Literature and Film
21G.736[J]	The Short Form: Literature and New Media Cultures in the Hispanic World
21L.636[J]	Introduction to Contemporary Hispanic Literature and Film
21L.637[J]	Power and Culture: Utopias and Dystopias in Spain and Latin America
21L.638[J]	Literature and Social Conflict: Perspectives on Spain
21L.639[J]	Globalization and its Discontents: Spanish-speaking Nations
21L.640[J]	The New Spain: 1977-Present
21G.706	Spanish for Medicine and Health
21G.707	Graphic Stories: Spanish and Latin American Comics

Subject taught in Portuguese:

21G.811	Conversational Portuguese
21G.820	Topics in Modern Portuguese Literature and Culture
21G.821	The Beat of Brazil: Portuguese Language and Brazilian Society Through its Music
21G.822	Portuguese Language through Brazilian Film

Area III: Social Studies

17.55[J]	Introduction to Latin American Studies (Required)
<i>Additional options:</i>	
3.982	The Ancient Andean World
3.983	Ancient Mesoamerican Civilization
21A.506	The Anthropology of Politics: Persuasion and Power
21A.511	Hacking from the South

Area IV: Historical Studies

Select from among the following:

21H.172[[Latin America Through Film
21H.173	Socialism in Latin America, from Che Guevara to Hugo Chávez
21H.273	From Coca to Cocaine: Drug Economies in Latin America
Appropriate subjects offered at Harvard or Wellesley	

Total Units **72**

- ¹ *Two language subjects beginning at Levels III and IV, either in Spanish or Portuguese, satisfy the Area I language requirement. MIT offers Levels III and IV of Spanish every semester and offers Level III of Portuguese every fall semester and Level IV every spring semester. Students who demonstrate competence beyond Level IV may either take two advanced language subjects (highly recommended) or two more subjects from Areas II, III, and IV.*
- ² *For students who are not required to take Area I subjects and opt not to take advanced language subjects (see footnote 1 above), all six subjects for the minor must be taken from Areas II, III, and IV, with at least one subject from each area.*
- ³ *Students may not take more than one subject focused on the Iberian Peninsula.*

The subject list above is not exhaustive. Additional information can be obtained from the minor advisor, Professor Eden Medina (eden@mit.edu), E51-180, 617-253-1943, or from the SHASS Dean's Office, 4-240, 617-253-3450.