

LATIN AMERICAN & HEMISPHERIC STUDIES, MINOR

College of Letters & Science

The minor in Latin American and Hemispheric Studies offers students the opportunity to explore connection throughout the Western Hemisphere from an array of perspectives across multiple academic fields.

The minor is made up of six courses, arranged in three tiers: Basic (one lower division course on the history of Latin America); Core (two introductory upper division courses chosen from a designated list of fields other than History); and Elective (three additional upper division courses from a designated list of courses that focus primarily on Latin American and/or Hemispheric issues). Students are strongly encouraged to develop proficiency in Spanish or Portuguese, either through course work (such as completion of SPA 024 or SPA 033), or through life experience such as study abroad.

Minor Advisor

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Code	Title	Units
Choose one:		4
AAS 018	Introduction to Caribbean Studies	
HIS 007A	History of Latin America to 1700	
HIS 007B	History of Latin America, 1700-1900	
HIS 007C	History of Latin America 1900-present	
<i>Core Courses</i>		
Choose two:		8
AAS 180	Race & Ethnicity in Latin America	
ANT 144	Contemporary Societies & Cultures of Latin America	
ANT 175	Andean Prehistory: Archaeology of the Incas & Their Ancestors	
CHI 130	United States-Mexican Border Relations	
HIS 168	History of Inter-American Relations	
MUS 127/SPA 171	Music from Latin America	
or MUS 127S/ SPA 171S	Music from Latin America	
	SPA 171S DISCONTINUED FOR SUMMER 2026 **	
NAS 115	Native Americans in the Contemporary World	
NAS 123	Native Foods & Farming of the Americas	
or NAS 123V	Native Foods & Farming of the Americas	
SPA 150N	Survey of Latin American Literature to 1900	
or SPA 151	Survey of Latin American Literature 1900 to Present	
SPA 170	Introduction to Latin American Culture	
POL 143A	Latin American Politics	
POL 143B	Mexican Politics	
	Study Abroad in Latin America	

Elective Courses

Choose 12 units:		12-14
AAS 107A	African Descent Communities & Culture in the Caribbean & Latin America	
AAS/DRA 155A	African-American Dance & Culture in the United States, Brazil & the Caribbean	
AAS 163	African Religions in the Americas	
AAS 172	Diaspora & New Black Identities	
AAS 180	Race & Ethnicity in Latin America	
ANT 104N	Cultural Politics of the Environment (Latin American Topics only.)	
ANT 131	Ecology & Politics (Latin American Topics only.)	
ANT 141C	People of the Arctic: Contemporary & Historic Cultures of the Circumpolar Region (Discontinued for winter 2026) **	
or ANT 141	Indigenous Peoples of the Arctic	
ANT 144	Contemporary Societies & Cultures of Latin America	
ANT 172	New World Prehistory: The First Arrivals	
ANT 175	Andean Prehistory: Archaeology of the Incas & Their Ancestors	
ANT 176	California Archaeology	
AHI 151	Arts of the Ancient New World	
AHI 181	Latin American Art & Architecture	
CHI 112	Globalization, Transnational Migration, & Chicana/o & Latina/o Communities	
CHI 113	Latin American Women's Engagement in Social Movements	
or CHI 113V	Latin American Women's Engagement in Social Movements	
CHI 114	Women of Color Reproductive Health & Reproductive Politics in a Global Perspective (Latin American Topics only.)	
or CHI 114V	Women of Color Reproductive Health & Reproductive Politics in a Global Perspective	
CHI 114S	Women of Color Reproductive Health & Gender Politics in Cuba & the U.S.	
CHI 130	United States-Mexican Border Relations	
CHI 135S	Transnational Latina/o Political Economy	
CHI 146S	Public Health in Latin America	
CHI 147S	Indigenous Healing & Biodiversity in Latin America	
CHI 160	Mexican Film & Greater Mexican Identity	
CHI/ART 171	Mexican & Chicano Mural Workshop	
COM 151	Colonial & Postcolonial Experience in Literature (Latin American Topics only.)	
COM 152	Literature of the Americas	
or COM 152S	Literature of the Americas (Taught in Latin America)	
COM 165	Caribbean Literatures	
or COM 165S	Caribbean Literatures	
GSW 102	Colonialism	
HIS 157	Business, Biomes & Knowledge: Latin American Environmental History	
HIS 158	Special Topics in Latin American History	

HIS 159	Women & Gender in Latin American History
HIS 160	Spain & America in the 16th Century
HIS/HMR 161	Human Rights in Latin America
HIS 162	History of the Andean Region
HIS 163A	History of Brazil
HIS 163B	History of Brazil
HIS 164	History of Chile
HIS 165 or HIS 165V	Latin American Social Revolutions Latin American Social Revolutions
HIS 166A	History of Mexico to 1848
HIS 166B	History of Mexico since 1848
HIS 167	Modern Latin American Cultural & Intellectual History
HIS 168	History of Inter-American Relations
HIS 169A	Mexican-American History
HIS 169B	Mexican-American History
HMR 130	Special Topics in Human Rights (Latin American Topics Only)
MUS 127/SPA 171 or MUS 127S/ SPA 171S DISC	Music from Latin America (Latin American Topics Only) Music from Latin America
MUS 129A	Musics of the Americas
MUS 150	Brazilian Samba School
MUS 152	Afro-Cuban Ensemble
MUS 153	Brazilian Capoeira Ensemble
MUS 198	Directed Group Study (Topic: Mariachi Ensemble only)
NAS 107	Learning Native American Languages
NAS 110A	Quechua Language & Society: Beginning Level 1
NAS 110B	Quechua Language & Society: Beginning Level 2
NAS 110C	Quechua Language & Society: Intermediate Level 1
NAS 110D	Quechua Language & Society: Intermediate Level 2
NAS 115	Native Americans in the Contemporary World
NAS 120	Ethnopolitics of South American Indians
NAS 123 or NAS 123V	Native Foods & Farming of the Americas Native Foods & Farming of the Americas
NAS 125	Performance & Culture Among Native Americans
NAS 133	Ethnohistory of Native People of Mexico & Central America
NAS 133A	Ethnohistory of Native Peoples of Mexico & Central America to 1500
NAS 133B	Ethnohistory of Native Peoples of Mexico & Central America 1500 to 2000
NAS 181A	Native American Literature (Discontinued for winter 2026) **
NAS 181B	Native American Literature (Discontinued for winter 2026) **
NAS 181C	(Discontinued for spring 2025) **

NAS 184	Contemporary Indigenous Literature of Mexico
POL 143A	Latin American Politics
POL 143B	Mexican Politics
POR 100	Principles of Luso-Brazilian Literature & Criticism
POR 130	Survey of Luso-Brazilian Literature: 1500-1800
POR 141	Introduction to Luso-Brazilian Culture
POR 159	Special Topics in Luso-Brazilian Literature & Culture
POR 161	Luso-Brazilian Literature & Culture
POR 162	Introduction to Brazilian Literature
POR 163	20th C Masters in Brazilian Literature
RST 130	Topics in Religious Studies (Latin American Topics only.)
SOC/IRE 104	The Political Economy of International Migration
SPA 117 or SPA 117V	Teaching Spanish as a Native Tongue in the U.S.: Praxis & Theory Teaching Spanish as a Native Tongue in the U.S.: Praxis & Theory
SPA 149	Latin-American Literature in Translation
SPA 150N	Survey of Latin American Literature to 1900
SPA 151	Survey of Latin American Literature 1900 to Present
SPA 153	Latin American Short Story
SPA 154	Latin American Novel
SPA 155	Mexican Novel
SPA 156	Latin American Literature of the Turn of the 20th Century
SPA 157	Great Works of Latin American Literature/ Culture
SPA 158	Latin American Poetry: From Vanguardism to Surrealism & Beyond (Discontinued for summer 2026) **
SPA 159 or SPA 159S or SPA 159Y	Special Topics in Latin American Literature & Culture Special Topics in Latin American Literature & Culture Special Topics in Latin American Literature & Culture
SPA 160	Latin American Women Writers in Translation
SPA 170 or SPA 170S DISCONTINUED FOR SUMMER 2026 **	Introduction to Latin American Culture Introduction to Latin American Culture
SPA 171/MUS 127 or SPA 171S/ MUS 127S DISC	Music from Latin America Music from Latin America
SPA 172	Mexican Culture
SPA 173	Cinema & Latin American Culture
SPA 174	Chicano Culture
SPA 175	Topics in Latin American Cultural Studies
SPA 176	Literature in Spanish Written in the United States

SPA 177	California & Latin America
SPA 179	Science & Politics of the Human Body in the Spanish-Speaking World (Discontinued for summer 2026) **
or SPA 179Y DISCONTINUED FOR SUMMER 2026 **	
Total Units	24-26

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Course(s) discontinued; see your advisor for course options.