Latin American Studies Minor

1) What is the purpose of the minor?

The Latin American Studies Minor certifies inter-disciplinary study of the history, language, society, and culture of Latin American, the Caribbean, and its people throughout the Americas. The Minor is available to all students in the university and allows them to supplement their Major with in-depth study of the region. As part of the Minor, students are encouraged to take advantage of study abroad programs in Latin America that are organized by the Center for International Studies.

2) What are the goals of the Latin American Studies Minor?

- Gain an overview of the region’s position and role of its people in the world, historically and today;
- Appreciate the region’s cultural diversity and multiplicity of countries throughout the continent; and
- Learn varied theoretical and disciplinary perspectives to understand the different social forces shaping the region.

3) A brief overview of the program.

Completion of the Latin American Studies Minor requires a total of fifteen (15) semester hours. Two required courses, contributing a total of nine (6) out of the (15) fifteen semester hours, include:

GEOG 4232 – Geography of Latin America (3)
HIST 3537 – Colonial Latin America or HIST 3538 – Modern Latin America (3)

Additional courses may be selected from the approved list in the current Undergraduate & Graduate Catalog 2014/2015, or as approved by the director of the Latin American Studies Minor, Dr. Matthew Flynn. Possible courses include the following:

HIST/INTS/LAST 3538/3538s—Modern Latin America: 3-0-3
POLS/LAST 3133/3133s—Latin America Politics: 3-0-3
LAST 3090—Selected Topics in Latin American Studies
LAST/HIST/INTS 3537—Colonial Latin America: 3-0-3
LAST/ANTH 4135/4135s—Mesoamerican Archeology: 3-0-3
LAST/SPAN 4231—Spanish American Life, Literature, and Thought: 3-0-3
LAST/GEOG 4232—Geography of Latin America: 3-0-3
LAST/ SPAN 5232/5232G—Studies in Hispanic Societies: 3-0-3
SPAN 3335—Conversation, Composition Culture: South America
LAST 3090/3090S- Selected Topics in Latin America: 3-0-3
LAST 4890—Seminar in Latin American Studies: 3-0-3
SPAN 3336/3336s—Conversation, Composition, Culture: Mexico and Central America: 3-0-3
SPAN 3337—Conversation, Composition, Culture: The Caribbean: 3-0-3
SPAN 3339—Conversation, Composition, Culture: Latino USA: 3-0-3
SPAN 5331—Latinos in the U.S.: 3-0-3

4) What can students expect to gain from a Latin American Studies Minor?

The Latin American Studies Minor provides liberal arts training and development of intellectual skills useful for employment in both the private and public sectors, as well as in international development organizations and in multilateral agencies. This Minor is also useful for those interested in furthering their studies at the graduate level or in a professional occupation.

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