

LATIN AMERICAN AND LATINX STUDIES MINOR

The Latin American and Latinx Studies (LALS) Program provides a multidisciplinary education on key issues and dynamics in Latin America and Latinx communities in the United States and prepares students for work and future study in an array of fields, including business, government and diplomacy, education, health care, journalism and communications, private and public development organizations and non-profits. It also offers an array of relevant programming on campus and promotes experiential learning in and related to the region.

The Minor in Latin American and Latinx Studies (LALS) equips students with multiple frameworks for understanding and analyzing significant realities in Latin America and Latinx communities. Students explore perspectives and approaches from within the region and among peoples of Latin American origins in the U.S., including those expressed in the primary languages of Latin America. By selecting courses most relevant to their primary areas of study, students prepare themselves for professional opportunities in or related to Latin America and Latinx communities.

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Learning Goals and Outcomes

Goal 1: be knowledgeable about the history, cultures, economic, business, political and/or social trends of Latin America and/or Latinx communities in the United States.

Objective 1.1: describe accurately and with substantive detail some aspect of the history, cultures, economic, business, political and/or social trends of Latin America and/or Latinx communities.

Goal 2: develop modes of analysis and ways of critical thinking about Latin America and/or Latinx communities through multiple lenses (e.g., artistic, business, economic, historical, literary, political, sociological).

Objective 2.1: apply appropriate, discipline-specific theoretical and/or analytical frameworks to interpret ideas and beliefs, events, practices, texts (broadly conceived), and/or material culture from Latin America and/or among Latinx communities.

Requirements

Students complete the Minor in Latin American and Latinx Studies (LALS) with six courses. To ensure the interdisciplinary focus of the

minor, courses from at least three participating departments must be represented among the six courses. Students may petition the LALS Program Director to receive credit for courses not listed below, such as courses taken abroad. Students participating in a study abroad or a study tour to Latin America are encouraged to ask the LALS Program Director about financial support for travel.

Please note: Students may count a maximum of two of the following courses towards the Minor in Latin American and Latinx Studies: SPA 201 SPA 202, SPA 301, SPA 302, SPA 303. Students studying another language of the region (French, Portuguese) can request that comparable courses count toward the LALS minor.

Course Offerings

Code	Title	Hours
ARH 106	Latin American Art & Architect	3
ECN 370	Economic Development	3
ECN 482	Latin American Economies	3
HIS 203	Historical Intro to Latin Am	3
HIS 204	Latin American-U.S. Migration	3
HIS 301	Latin America and the U.S.	3
HIS 303	History of Modern Mexico	3
HIS 474	Seminar in Latin Am His	3
HIS 480	Readings in Latin Amer Hist	3
HIS 304	Social Protest in Latin Am His	3
POL 328	U.S. Immigration	3
SPA 415	Iconic Women of Latin America	3
SPA 428	Rainforest: A Literary Journey	3
SPA 201	Intermediate Spanish I ¹	3
POL 331	Latin American Politics	3
POL 337	Contemp Cuban Pol & Society	3
POL 352	Global Political Economy	3
REL 272	Religion/Global/Rights-Bolivia	3
SOC 316	Fair Trade Coffee: Study Tour	3
SPA 202	Intermediate Spanish II ¹	3
SPA 301	Spanish Conversation ¹	3
SPA 302	Spanish Composition ¹	3
SPA 303	Spanish for Heritage Speakers ¹	3
SPA 310	Intro to Latin American Lit ¹	3
SPA 320	Cur Evnts in the Sp-Lang Media	3
SPA 350	Intro to Latin Amer Cultures	3
SPA 353	Latin American Cinema	3
SPA 360	Spanish in the Community	3
SPA 401	Topics in Latin Am Cultures	3
SPA 420	Major Latin American Authors	3
SPA 422	Culture and Dictatorship	3
SPA 423	Latin Am Short Story	3
SPA 425	Imagery of the Conquest	3
SPA 426	Culture in Revolution	3
SPA 431	Commonplaces of Colonial Exp	3
SPA 466	Spanish Dialectology	3
SPA 467	Lang Contact & Pol in U.S.	3

THE 356	Liberation & Pol Theologies	3
THE/HSC 368	Just Hlth Care in Dev Nations	3

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Provisional Courses

The following courses may count toward the Minor in Latin American and Latinx Studies, depending on course content in a given semester, including the student's final project. Students who would like to include these courses in their program of study should consult with the LALS Program Director in advance.

Code	Title	Hours
ECN 321	International Trade	3
FMK 402	Future Issues in Food Mktg	3
HIS 491	Philadelphia Area Internship	3
IBU 210	Intro Internat. Business	3
POL 403	Capstone: Nations&Nationalism	3
POL 491	Philadelphia-Area Internship	3
SPA 470	Topics in Spanish	3
MCC 150	First Year Seminar	3