

MINOR IN LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES

College of Liberal & Creative Arts

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Latin American Studies Program

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Program Scope

The Minor in Latin American Studies is a multidisciplinary program designed to provide undergraduate students with an understanding of Latin American societies, including their history and literature, as well as economic and political developments. The minor emphasizes the hybrid nature of Latin American societies, their shared cultures and history, their influence on other parts of the world, and the region's multi-layered relations with other countries. With a selection of courses drawn from disciplines or fields such as ethnic studies, the arts, the humanities, and the social sciences, students have the flexibility to explore a wide range of subjects including ancient and modern civilizations, ethnic relations, the literary "boom" of the 1960s, doing business in present-day Latin America, and more. The minor will be useful to students planning careers in education, humanities, and the arts, the Foreign Service, international organizations, overseas corporations, and banking, as well as for those who simply desire a better understanding of Latin America. The multidisciplinary nature of the program also prepares students for further work in a number of academic fields at the graduate level.

The minor consists of a core curriculum of three courses (9 to 10 units) that deal with the region as a whole from a variety of disciplinary perspectives, plus 12 to 14 units of elective upper-division coursework. No more than 6 units can be taken on a CR/NC basis. Students planning to take courses other than those listed below must get prior approval from the program director. Students completing the Latin American Studies minor are encouraged to participate in the study abroad programs at SF State. Courses taken in certified SF State study abroad programs may be substituted for the minor's requirements.

Professor

GUSTAVO ADOLFO CALDERON (1989), *Professor of Modern Languages and Literatures*; B.A. (1979), M.A. (1981), Ph.D. (1987), University of Iowa.

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Assistant Professor

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Lecturer

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Latin American Studies Minor – 21-24 units

All coursework used to satisfy the requirements of the minor must be completed with a minimum grade point average of 2.0.

Core Courses (9-10 units)

Code	Title	Units
Group A: Latin America in Historical Perspective		
ANTH 501/ HIST 358/ LTNS 501	Latin America: The National Period	3
Select one course from Group B and one from Group C		6-7
Group B: Social Perspectives and Politics		
HIST/WGS 355/LTNS 533	History of Women in Latin America	
HIST 356	Social Change in Modern Latin America	
HIST 359	Central America and the Caribbean	
I R/PLSI 322	Latin American Policy Analysis	

SOC 645 Sociology of Latin America

Group C: Arts and Culture

HUM 455 Humanities of the Americas

SPAN 405 Culture and Civilization of Spanish America

Electives (12-14 units)

Code Title Units

Select two courses from each group, with no more than 9 units from any one discipline. Core courses may not be used to meet this part of the required work.

Group I: Social Perspectives, Politics, and International Relations

ANTH 471	The Ancient Maya	3
HIST 353	History of Mexico	3
HIST 354	History of Brazil	3
HIST 357	Colonial Latin America	3
IBUS 591	Doing Business in Latin America	3
I R 306	U.S.-Central American Relations	4
LTNS 410	Seminar on Gender and Latinas/os	3
LTNS 460	Central Americans of the U.S.: History and Heritage	3
LTNS 467	Caribbeans in the U.S.: History and Heritage	3
LTNS/SOC 640	Sociology of the Latino Experience	3
LTNS 660	Latina/o Politics	3
LTNS 670/ PLSI 408	Mexican Politics and Society	3
LTNS 692	Cuba: Health, Education, and Culture	3

Group II: Arts, Humanities, and Culture

HUM 375	Biography of a City: United States Cities (Mexico City)	3
HUM 375	Biography of a City: United States Cities (Rio de Janeiro)	3
JS/CWL/ENG 451	Jewish Literature of the Americas	3
LTNS 409/ CINE 309	Latina/o/x Cinema	3
LTNS 425	Popular and Traditional Music of the Latina/o Diaspora (GSL)	3
LTNS 450	Indigenismo: Indigenous Cultures of the Americas	3
LTNS 475	Aztec Philosophy	3
LTNS 560	Contemporary Latina/o Literature	3
MUS 532	Music of Latin America	3
SPAN 341	Introduction to the Reading of Literary Texts	3
SPAN 543	Spanish American Literature: Romanticism to Modernism	3
SPAN 545	20th Century Spanish American Literature (all topics)	3
SPAN 595	Senior Survey in Spanish or Spanish American Literature (all Spanish American topics)	3

Foreign Language Requirement

All students completing this area studies minor are required to demonstrate intermediate level competency in a language other than English, relevant to the area. This requirement may be met by completing the university entrance requirement of two years of high school language study, one year of successful college-level language study, or by demonstration of equivalent competency.