Latin American Studies

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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 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 (nine to ten units) which deal with the region as a whole from a variety of disciplinary perspectives, plus 12 to 14 units of elective upper-division coursework. Not more than six 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

TOMÁS ALMAGUER (2000), Professor of Latina/Latino Studies; B.A. (1971), University of California, Santa Barbara; Ph.D. (1979), University of California, Berkeley.

LUIZ C. BARBOSA (1991), Professor of Sociology; B.S. (1982), Southeast Missouri State University; M.A. (1985), University of Oklahoma; Ph.D. (1989), University of Washington.


DANE JOHNSON (1995), Professor of Comparative and World Literature; B.S.F.S. (1985), Georgetown University; Ph.D. (1993), Stanford University.


G. ALEJANDRO MURGUIA (1991), Professor of Latina/Latino Studies; B.A. (1990), M.F.A. (1992), San Francisco State University.

JAMES QUESADA (1994), Professor of Anthropology; B.A. (1978), Sonoma State University; M.A. (1986), San Francisco State University; Ph.D. (1994), University of California, San Francisco and Berkeley.


Associate Professor

JUANITA DARLING (2008), Associate Professor of International Relations; B.A. (1976), California State University, Fullerton; M.A. (1989) University of Southern California; Ph.D. (2006) University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

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Assistant Professor

KAREN MORRISON (2016), Assistant Professor of History; Ph.D. (2003), University of Florida.

Lecturer


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)

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<td>ANTH/HIST/LTNS 501</td>
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<td>Group B: Social Perspectives and Politics</td>
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<td>HIST 520</td>
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<td>History of Women in Latin America</td>
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HIST 550  Social Change in Modern Latin America
IR/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)

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Group I: Social Perspectives, Politics, and International Relations
ANTH 471  The Ancient Maya 3
HIST 500  Colonial Latin America 3
HIST 524  History of Mexico 3
HIST 528  History of Brazil 3
IBUS 591  Doing Business in Latin America 3
IR 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
SOC 481  Sociology of Brazil 3

Group II: Arts, Humanities, and Culture
HUM 375  Biography of a City (Mexico City) 3
HUM 375  Biography of a City (Rio de Janeiro) 3
HUM/LTNS 520  North and South American Cultural Expression 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 (CSL) 3
LTNS 450  Indigenismo: Indigenous Cultures of the Americas 3
LTNS 475  Aztec Philosophy 3
LTNS 490  Latina/o Teatro Workshop 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.