

**Latin American and Caribbean Studies (LAC)****Minor in Latin American and Caribbean Studies****Latin American and Caribbean Studies Center, College of Arts and Sciences**

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**Latin American and Caribbean Studies (LAC)**

The minor in Latin American and Caribbean Studies allows students to pursue an interdisciplinary course of study that provides a broad overview of Latin America and the Caribbean. Students are introduced to the principal historical, social, and cultural themes in the region, and through their electives, they are also able to develop more detailed knowledge of specific subjects in the region, such as the history of a particular country or the literature of a particular period.

**Requirements for the Minor in Latin American and Caribbean Studies (LAC)**

All courses offered for the minor must be passed with a letter grade of C or higher.

Completion of the minor requires 18 credits.

1. LAC 200 Introduction to Latin American and Caribbean Societies
2. One literature or culture course, to be chosen from those listed in Group A
3. One history or social science courses, to be chosen from those listed in Group B
4. Two additional upper-division courses to be chosen from Groups A and B
5. LAC 488 Internship (or LAC 487 Research with permission of director)

**Notes**

1. Relevant special topics given in any department are acceptable for the minor with the approval of the director.
2. An expanded list of acceptable courses for groups A and B is available in the program office.

**Group A: Literature and Culture**

AFH 368/EGL 368 Caribbean and American Connections in Literature

AFH 385/HUF 385 French Caribbean Lit.

ARH 326 Arts of Ancient Mesoamerica

ARH 329 Arts of the African Diaspora

EGL 376 The Literature of Imperialism

HUS 254 Latin America Today

SPN 392 The Culture and Civilization of Spanish America

SPN 396 Introduction to Spanish-American Literature

SPN 410 Theory in Contexts

SPN 415 Hispanic Cultures in Contact

SPN 420 Topics in Latin American Cinema

SPN 435 Topics in Latin American Literature, Colonial Period-Present

The following topics courses may also be used when the topic is appropriate:

EGL 372 Topics in Women and Lit.

EGL 374, EGL 377 Literature in English in Relation to Other Disciplines

HUS 361 Latin American Literature

HUS 390 Latin American Cinema

MUS 311 Topics in Non-Western Music

SPN 405 Issues in Hispanic Cultural Studies

**Group B: Social Sciences**

AFH 329, AFH 330 Pan-African Literature I, II

AFS 239 Introduction to the Caribbean Experience

AFS 240 Issues in Caribbean Society

AFS 350/HIS 350 Black Women and Social Change: A Cross-Cultural Perspective

AFS 380/ANT 380 Race and Ethnicity in Latin America and the Caribbean

AFS 388/HIS 388 Slavery in Latin America and the Caribbean

ANT 201 Peoples of South America

ANT 219 Peoples of the Caribbean

ANT 361 Peasants

ECO 358 Topics in Developing Economies (when topic is appropriate)

HIS 213 Colonial Latin America

HIS 214/POL 214 Modern Latin America

HIS 216/POL 216 History of U.S.-Latin American Relations

HIS 382/POL 382 Politics and Political Change in Latin America  
HIS 386 Modern Brazil  
HIS 387/WST 387 Women, Development, and Revolution in Latin America  
HIS 389 Modern Mexico  
HIS 421, HIS 422 Colloquia in Latin American History  
POL 372 Politics in the Third World  
SOC 364 Sociology of Latin America

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## Latin American and Caribbean Studies

*Prerequisites: 15 credits in LAC studies;  
permission of instructor and director  
0-6 credits, S/U grading*

### LAC 200 - J: Introduction to Latin American and Caribbean Societies

Introduction to social science, historical, and cultural perspectives on Latin America and the Caribbean, as well as on Latino communities in the United States. The goal is to develop a critical and broad understanding of Latin America's social and historical problems and challenges and an appreciation of the region's economic and cultural contributions.

*Advisory Prerequisites: One D.E.C. category F course; one D.E.C. category B or G course  
3 credits*

### LAC 380 - J: Topics in Latin American Studies

Semester supplements to this Bulletin contain specific descriptions when course is offered. Topics may include titles such as Literature of the Dominican Republic; and Latinas: History, Society, and Culture. Designed for upper-division students, this course provides an in-depth study of a specific topic relating to non-Western world civilizations. Students will be expected to demonstrate either a knowledge of a broad outline of world history, or the distinctive features of the history, institutions, economy, society, and culture of one non-Western civilization. May be repeated as the topic changes.

*Prerequisite: U3 or U4 standing  
Advisory Prerequisite: LAC 200  
3 credits*

### LAC 487: Independent Research in Latin American and Caribbean Studies

Supervised research with faculty in the Latin American and Caribbean Studies program. Students develop their own research projects under the supervision of a faculty member or assist with a faculty member's own research. May be repeated to a limit of 6 credits.

*Prerequisites: 15 credits toward the Latin American and Caribbean studies minor;  
permission of instructor  
0-6 credits*

### LAC 488: Internship

Volunteer work in community, research organizations, or cultural centers relating to Latin American or Latino affairs, arranged in consultation with the LACC director. Current list of intern opportunities available at the LACC, Social and Behavioral Sciences building, N-333.