Latin American and Caribbean Studies (LAC)

Minor in Latin American and Caribbean Studies

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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. HUS 254 Latin America Today or HIS/POL 214 Modern Latin America
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 339/ARH 329 Arts of the African Diaspora
AFH 368/EGL 368 Caribbean and American Connections in Literature
AFH/HUF 385 French Caribbean Literature
ARH 326 Arts of Ancient Mesoamerica
ARH 329 Arts of the African Diaspora
EGL 368 Caribbean and American Connections in Literature
EGL 375 Literature in English in Relation to Other Disciplines
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
SUS/PHI 355 Environmental Philosophy

The following topics courses may also be used when the topic is appropriate:
EGL 372 Topics in Women and Lit.
HUS 261 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 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 335 Developing Economics
EHM 316 Cuba & Sustainability
HIS 213 Colonial Latin America
HIS 214/POL 214 Modern Latin America
HIS 216/POL 216 History of U.S.-Latin American Relations
HIS 380 History of Cuba
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
WST 395 Topics in Global Feminism (when topic is appropriate)
WST 398 Topics in Gender, Race, and Ethnicity (when topic is appropriate)
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LAC 200: 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.

DEC: J
SBC: GLO
3 credits

LAC 380: 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

DEC: J
SBC: SBS+
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.

Prerequisites: 15 credits in LAC studies; permission of instructor and director

SBC: EXP+

0-6 credits, S/U grading