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Latin American Studies (Minor) - Minor in Latin American Studies

Type:Minor

Requirements for a Minor in Latin American Studies

While the minor in Latin American Studies currently requires six (6) hours of Spanish language study, students are encouraged to take more Spanish courses in order to develop basic conversational fluency. In addition, study away is strongly encouraged because it provides the student with total cultural immersion.

The minor in Latin American Studies consists of the following **18** semester hours of coursework:

1. SPAN courses - 6 hours
 2. LAST 1104 (Introduction to Latin American Culture) - 3 hours
 3. LAST 2000 (Introduction to Latin American Studies) - 3 hours
 4. LAST 3110 (Special Topics) or SPAN 3110 - 3 hours
 5. Elective in either LAST or SPAN (3000 level or above) - 3 hours
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LAST 1104 - Introduction to Latin American Culture

A study of the art, literature, history, and anthropology of Latin America. Emphasis will be placed on Spain's legacy in the region.

Grade Basis: L

Credit hours: 3.0

Lecture hours: 3.0

LAST 1199 - Latin American Travel Seminar

A travel-study seminar that provides valuable educational experience through close contact with the contemporary life and civilization of a selected Latin American country. Basic academic preparation in the history and customs of the target culture is undertaken before departure.

Grade Basis: L

Credit hours: 1.0

Lecture hours: 1.0

Prerequisites:

- [SPAN 1101](#) - Elementary Spanish I
- [SPAN 1102](#) - Elementary Spanish II
- [SPAN 2103](#) - Intermediate Spanish I

Restrictions:

- Permission of course can be granted from instructor and program coordinator of Modern Languages
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LAST 2000 - Introduction to Latin American Studies

An interdisciplinary approach to the people, culture, development, and identity of Latin America. Attention will be given to such topics as art, class, economics, gender, history, literature, music, politics, race, and religion.

Grade Basis: L

Credit hours: 3.0

Lecture hours: 3.0

LAST 2010 - Introduction to Second Language Acquisition

A course introducing the basic concepts of Second Language Acquisition through theories and research, including developmental process as well as internal and external influences. Special focus will be given to English-Spanish & Spanish-English language learners. This course will be cross-listed with Education.

Grade Basis: L
Credit hours: 3.0
Lecture hours: 3.0

LAST 3001 - Survey of Latin American Literature I

A general survey of contemporary Latin American literature.

Grade Basis: L
Credit hours: 3.0
Lecture hours: 3.0

LAST 3001 - Survey of Latin American Literature I

A general survey of contemporary Latin American literature.

Grade Basis: L
Credit hours: 3.0
Lecture hours: 3.0

LAST 3110 - Special Topics

A study of selected topics from a specific discipline. Since the focus of this course changes frequently, this course may be repeated for credit. SPAN 3110: Special Topics or GNDR 3110: Latin American Women Writers may be taken for LAST 3110 credit)

Grade Basis: L
Credit hours: 3.0
Lecture hours: 3.0

LAST 3210 - States and Politics in Latin America

A comparative study of political systems in Latin America. Topics considered include basic comparative political theory, modern history of Latin American societies, politics of selected Latin American states, and the interaction of economic and political factors in Latin America. This course is also cross-listed as POLS3352.

Grade Basis: L
Credit hours: 3.0
Lecture hours: 3.0

LAST 3331 - Colonial Latin American History

An examination of the history of Latin America from the pre-Conquest era through the independence movements of the early nineteenth century. This course is also cross-listed as HIST3331.

Grade Basis: L
Credit hours: 3.0
Lecture hours: 3.0

LAST 3332 - Comparative Colonization and Slavery

This course offers a comparative examination of colonial contact in the Americas, including the interaction of Europeans, natives, and Africans within the French, Spanish, and British empires of the New World. This course is also cross-listed as HIST3332.

Grade Basis: L
Credit hours: 3.0
Lecture hours: 3.0

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