

Concentration One

Select courses from the literature, history, art, philosophy and religion of Asia, Africa, the Middle East and Latin America 9-18

Concentration Two

Select courses from the literature, history, art, philosophy and religion of Europe 0-9

Approved Elective 0-3
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¹ The two courses selected to complete the Gateway requirement may double-count in General Education Cluster Two.

Latin American Studies

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This interdisciplinary minor helps students to acquire a deeper understanding of Latin America. All Latin American studies minors must attain proficiency in Spanish at or above the intermediate level (SPAN 232 or equivalent). In addition to the language requirement, the Latin American studies minor consists of 18 approved credit hours. Across those 18 credits, students must select courses in at least three different disciplines. Participants in the minor are encouraged to explore the possibility of studying in a Latin American country for a semester or summer session. See <https://caal.jmu.edu/latinamerica/LASminor.htm> for changes in required courses.

Credit Hours

Complete two courses from among the following: 6

ANTH 265. Peoples and Cultures of Latin America and the Caribbean

GHUM 252. Cross Cultural Perspectives: Latin American Cultures

GEOG 337. Geography of Latin America

POSC 350. Latin American Politics

SPAN 308. Latin American Civilization

Complete four additional courses from among the following: 12

ANTH 265. Peoples and Cultures of Latin America and the Caribbean

ANTH 325. Aztec, Maya and Their Predecessors

ANTH/SOCI 352. Birth, Death, Sex: Exploring Demography

ANTH 364. U.S./Latin American Borders

ANTH 391. Study Abroad¹

ANTH 395. Special Topics in Anthropology¹

ANTH/HIST 436. Afro-Latin America

ANTH 490. Special Studies in Anthropology¹

ARTH 484. Art of the Americas

ECON 270. International Economics

ECON 312. Comparative Economic Systems

ECON 365. Economic Development

ECON 372. International Finance and Payments

ECON 490. Special Studies in Economics¹

GEOG 337. Geography of Latin America

GEOG 490. Senior Project II¹

GHUM 252. Cross Cultural Perspectives: Latin American Cultures

HIST 341. Selected Themes in World History¹

HIST 391. Travel Studies Seminar¹

HIST 395. History Seminar¹

HIST 399. Special Studies in History¹

HIST 444. Revolution and Social Change in Latin America

HIST 445. Latin America and the United States

HIST 447. South America

HIST 448. Colonial Gender in Latin America

HIST 489. Selected Topics in World History¹

POSC 350. Latin American Politics

POSC 371. Topics in Comparative Politics¹

POSC 397. The Politics of International Economic Relations

REL 380. Contemporary Theologies

REL 450. Religion and Society

SOCI 391. Study Abroad¹

SOCI 490. Special Studies in Sociology¹

SPAN 300. Spanish Grammar and Communication

SPAN 308. Latin American Civilization

SPAN 320. Spanish Oral and Written Communication

SPAN 330. Business Spanish

SPAN 385. Latin American Drama and Short Stories

SPAN 395. Latin American Poetry of the 20th Century

SPAN 408. Aspects of Latin American Civilization

SPAN 415. The Spanish-American Novel

SPAN 465. Cinema and Literature

SPAN 446. Special Topics in Linguistics, Literature or Civilization¹

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¹ This is a special topics or special studies course. It may count for the minor, but only if it deals with Latin America. Contact the coordinator for approval if you are interested in taking this course as part of the Latin American studies minor.

Medieval and Renaissance Studies

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The Medieval and Renaissance Studies minor focuses on the period from the fall of Rome (5th century C.E.) to 1700. The minor allows students to take courses in art history, English, history, music, philosophy, political science, religion, and a range of languages (Arabic, French, Spanish, German, Italian and Latin as well as medieval languages such as Old English and Middle English) in the original or in the translation. Students focus on either the Medieval or the Renaissance periods or combine course work from both periods.

The minor requires 18 credits total from the list below, with the following restrictions. First, the 18 credit hours must include courses from at least three distinct disciplines. Note that all foreign language courses (ARAB, FR, GER, ITAL and LAT) fall into the single discipline of Foreign Languages and Literatures. Second, at least four of the six required classes must be taken from the intermediate or advanced categories. It is recommended that students take one introductory course before taking the 300 or 400 level classes.

Other courses with significant medieval and/or renaissance content may be counted toward the minor with the approval of the minor adviser. In addition, students interested in pursuing a three credit hour focused individual research project should contact individual faculty members with whom they might wish to work to determine the feasibility of the option in their particular cases. Only one such independent study will count toward the minor.

Approval of the minor adviser will also be required in the following two cases. First, courses preceded by an asterisk (ENG 302, ENG 410, ENG 412, FR 446, GHUM 200, GHUM 250, GHUM 252, HIST 489, ITAL/ENG 437, PHIL 460 and REL 300) will count toward the minor only if their content is focused on the medieval and/or renaissance periods. Second, because the content of GHUM 200, GHUM 250 and GHUM 252 will vary, the minor adviser will determine the appropriate disciplinary category for such courses.

Introductory Courses