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

Credit Hours 24

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
- GEHUM 252. Cross Cultural Perspectives: Latin American Cultures
- GEG 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
- GEG 337. Geography of Latin America
- GEG 490. Senior Project II1
- GEHUM 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 Topics 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

POS 371. Topics in Comparative Politics1
POS 397. The Politics of International Economic Relations
REL 380. Contemporary Theologies
REL 450. Religion and Society
SDCI 391. Study Abroad1
SDCI 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 466. Special Topics in Linguistics, Literature or Civilization1

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, GE HUM 200, GE HUM 250, GE HUM 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 GE HUM 200, GE HUM 250 and GE HUM 252 will vary, the minor adviser will determine the appropriate disciplinary category for such courses.

Introductory Courses

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