Latin American and Caribbean Studies

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This cross disciplinary minor helps students to acquire a deeper understanding of Latin America and the Caribbean. All Latin American and Caribbean Studies minors must attain proficiency in Spanish, Portuguese or French at or above the intermediate level (SPAN/PORT/FR 232 or equivalent). In addition to the language requirement, the Latin American and Caribbean 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 or Caribbean country for a semester or summer session. See the Web site for changes in required courses.

Courses

Complete three of the following: 9

HIST 350. Virginia History
HIST 362. U.S. Religious History
HIST 356. Afro-American History Since 1865
HIST 405. Travel and Exploration
HIST 453. Patterns of Global History
HIST 456. The Global Economy and Nationalism

HIST 444. Revolution and Social Change in Latin America

Complete four additional courses from among the following: 12

Arts and Humanities

ANTH 265. Peoples and Cultures of Latin America and the Caribbean
GEOG 337. Geography of Latin America
G Hum 252. Cross Cultural Perspectives: Latin American Cultures 1
POSC 350. Latin American Politics
SPAN 308. Latin American Civilization

ANTH 325. Aztec, Maya and Their Predecessors
ANTH 364. U.S./Latin American Borders
ANTH 391. Study Abroad 2
ANTH 395. Special Topics in Anthropology 2
ANTH/HIST 436. Afro-Latin America
ANTH 490. Special Studies in Anthropology 2
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 Economics 2
ENG 434. Latin American Literature in Translation
ENG 439. Major Authors of Literature in Spanish in Translation
GEOG 337. Geography of Latin America
GEOG 490. Senior Project II 2
G Hum 252. Cross Cultural Perspectives: Latin American Cultures
HIST 341. Selected Themes in World History 2
HIST 391. Travel Studies Seminar 2
HIST 395. History Seminar 2
HIST 399. Special Studies in History 2
HIST 437. Latin America and Latin Americans through Film: Focus on the Twentieth Century
HIST 444. Revolution and Social Change in Latin America

HIST 445. Latin America and the United States
HIST 447. South America
HIST 448. Gender in Colonial Latin America
HIST 489. Selected Topics in World History 2
POSC 350. Latin American Politics
POSC 371. Topics in Comparative Politics 2
POSC 397. The Politics of International Economic Relations
REL 380. Contemporary Theologies
REL 450. Religion and Society
SOCI 391. Study Abroad 2
SOCI 490. Special Studies in Sociology 2
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 394. Latin American Poetry of the 20th Century
SPAN 408. Aspects of Latin American Civilization
SPAN 415. The Spanish-American Novel
SPAN 446. Special Topics in Linguistics, Literature or Civilization 2
SPAN 465. Cinema and Literature
SPAN 490. Special Topics in Spanish

1 G Hum 252 is typically offered in several sections each semester; many of these sections do not focus on Latin America. Students must take the version focused on Latin America for G Hum 252 to count as part of the Latin American studies minor. G Hum 252 counts as a history course unless taught by faculty from another discipline.
2 This is a special topics or special studies course. It may count for the minor, but only if it deals with Latin America or the Caribbean. Contact the coordinator for approval.

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 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. 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 advanced category. 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 coordinator. 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 this option in their particular cases. Only one such independent study will count toward the minor.

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HIST 489. Selected Topics in World History 2
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POSC 371. Topics in Comparative Politics 2
POSC 397. The Politics of International Economic Relations
REL 380. Contemporary Theologies
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SPAN 300. Spanish Grammar and Communication
SPAN 308. Latin American Civilization
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