

LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES MINOR

1. **Purpose:** The minor in Latin American Studies provides students with the opportunity to acquire knowledge of Latin America and to sharpen their research, critical thinking, and written and oral skills. It will also assist students to live and work successfully in multicultural settings. It can provide an appropriate background for careers in business, journalism, government, teaching, or the nonprofit sector, or for graduate studies in one of the humanities or social sciences.
2. **Program:** Students will complete eighteen credit hours of undergraduate coursework that introduces them to the history, culture, language, and literature. Students are required to have on file a plan of study approved by one of the faculty in the Latin American Studies program. Students planning to complete the Latin American Studies Minor should enroll in Spanish to fulfill the language component of their general education degree requirement (three semesters).

With the advice and approval of a faculty member in the Latin American Studies minor, students develop a plan of study that is required to include a minimum of eighteen credit hours of study selected from among courses at the sophomore, junior and senior level (200, 300 or 400 level courses). Appropriate graduate courses (500 level), taken for undergraduate credit, may also be used to fulfill degree requirements. Any deviations from the approved program of study must be approved in writing by a faculty member in the Latin American Studies minor. Existing or new courses may be included in the Latin American Studies plan of study *only* if the content of the course is directed at the study of Latin American history, culture, language, or literature.

Required courses (6 cr.) are:

1. SPAN 282– Introduction to Latin American Studies
2. At least one of the two seminars
 - (a) HIST 576 – Problems in Latin American History, or
 - (b) FLL 551– Latin American Studies Seminar in Literature & Culture

NOTE: Students may elect to take both HIST 576 and FLL 551, using one to fulfill the requirement and one to fulfill an elective.

Elective courses (12 cr.) are:

1. FLL 405 – Globalization: Latin American Literature and Transnational Conflicts
2. HIST 271– Latin America to 1824
3. HIST 272 – Latin America From 1824
4. HIST 366 – Hispanic Heritage of the United States
5. SPAN 235 – Latin American Literature in Translation
6. SPAN 280 – Second-Year Spanish: Special Topics
7. SPAN 335 – The Literature of the Spanish Speaking Peoples in the United States
8. POL 308 – United States Foreign Policy and Latin America.

3. **Program Coordinator:**

Dr. Silvia Dapia, Program Coordinator, T-315, (219) 785-5250.

4. **Plan of Study**

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1) REQUIREMENTS:

- 18 Credit Hours Minimum — No Credit Hours for the Minor may be taken Pass/No Pass.
- 2.5 GPA Minimum in the Minor.
- All appropriate prerequisites must be fulfilled before enrolling in Minor courses (see PNC Catalog).
- Minor must be attached to a Major in any discipline and all Major requirements must be met as well.

2) COURSES:

A. REQUIRED COURSES (6 or 9 credit hours)

Students are required to take Introduction to Latin American Studies and at least one of the two seminar courses listed below.

- 3 ___ SPAN 282 Introduction to Latin American Studies
- 3 ___ HIST 576—Problems in Latin American History, or
- 3 ___ FLL 551—Latin American Studies Seminar in Literature & Culture

B. ELECTIVE COURSES (6 or 9 credit hours)

Students must elect at least one course in history and one in literature from the following list or from additional courses that may be approved for this program.

- 3 ___ FLL 405—Globalization: Latin American Literature and Transnational Conflicts
- 3 ___ HIST 271—Latin America to 1824
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- 3 ___ HIST 366—Hispanic Heritage of the United States
- 3 ___ SPAN 235—Latin American Literature in Translation
- 3 ___ SPAN 280— Second-Year Spanish: Special Topics
- 3 ___ SPAN 335—The Literature of the Spanish Speaking Peoples in the United States
- 3 ___ POL 308 —United States Foreign Policy and Latin America

*Other courses may be added to the list at a later date

Coordinator Approval: _____ Date: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

cc: Coordinator
Student
Registrar