

# LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES

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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 fifteen credit hours of undergraduate coursework that introduces them to the history, culture, language, and literature of Latin America. 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 requirements (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 an introductory course in Latin American Studies (LALS 101) and a minimum of twelve 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 course (3 cr.) is:**

1. LALS 10100 – Introduction to Latin American Studies

## **Elective courses (12 cr.) are:**

1. HIST 27100 Latin America to 1824
2. HIST 27200 Latin America after 1824
3. HIST 36600 Hispanic Heritage of U.S.
4. HIST 40100 Indigenous Heritage of Latin America
5. HIST 30501 Latin American History through Film
6. HIST 36110 Environmental History of Latin America
7. HIST 35201 Revolution in Contemporary Latin America
8. FLL 40500 Globalization: Latin American Literature and Transnational Conflicts
9. FLL 40700 Latin American Women Writers
10. SPAN 23500 Latin American Literature in Translation
11. SPAN 28000 Second-Year Spanish: Special Topics
12. SPAN 33500 The Literature of Spanish-Speaking People in the United States
13. POL 30800 United States Foreign Policy and Latin America

## 3. **Program Coordinator:**

Dr. Kenneth Kincaid, Program Coordinator, S-201, (219) 785-5244.

## 4. **Plan of Study**

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**1) REQUIREMENTS:**

- 15 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 (3 credit hours)**

Students are required to take Introduction to Latin American Studies.

3\_\_\_\_\_ LALS 101 Introduction to Latin American Studies (SPAN 282 and IDIS 272 also acceptable)

**B. ELECTIVE COURSES (12 credit hours)**

Students must elect four courses from the following list or from additional courses that may be approved for this program.\*

- 3\_\_\_\_\_ HIST 27100 Latin America to 1824
- 3\_\_\_\_\_ HIST 27200 Latin America after 1824
- 3\_\_\_\_\_ HIST 36600 Hispanic Heritage of U.S.
- 3\_\_\_\_\_ HIST 40100 Indigenous Heritage of Latin America
- 3\_\_\_\_\_ HIST 30501 Latin American History through Film
- 3\_\_\_\_\_ HIST 36110 Environmental History of Latin America
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- 3\_\_\_\_\_ SPAN 23500 Latin American Literature in Translation
- 3\_\_\_\_\_ SPAN 28000 Second-Year Spanish: Special Topics\*\*
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\* New courses may be added to the list at a later date.

\*\* Latin America-oriented topics in SPA 280 apply subject to the approval of the minor coordinator.

Coordinator Approval: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

cc: Coordinator  
Student  
Registrar