

The Academic Minor

Many departments have designed academic minors for the convenience of undergraduate students.

A minor is a structured group of courses that leads to considerable knowledge and understanding of a subject, although with less depth than a major. Some employers consider minors desirable, and the corresponding major requirements at the University may stipulate a minor. Some students choose to complement their major program with a minor in a related field or even in an entirely different field of interest. Students interested in pursuing an academic minor should contact their college dean's office and the department responsible for the minor program for guidance and advising.

Please note that undergraduate students can only complete a minor *in addition to* and as a *complement to* a major. The University does not award stand-alone minors.

Latin American, Caribbean, and Latino Studies

The minor in Latin American, Caribbean, and Latino Studies provides instruction and broad exposure to the society and culture of Latin America. The minor requires a minimum of 18 credit hours to be distributed as follows:

Premajor Requirement

1. LAS 201 Introduction to Latin America 3

Minor Requirements

Complete 3 credit hours of language instruction in Spanish, Portuguese, or French (above the 200 level) or an indigenous language spoken in Latin America; and complete 12 credit hours of approved courses across at least three of the following disciplines: anthropology, Hispanic studies, history, Latin American studies, linguistics, geography, political science, sociology, and writing, rhetoric and digital studies. All courses need to have at least 75 percent Latin American, Caribbean or Latino content. Other courses, including independent studies and education abroad courses, may be counted with the approval from the LACLAS Director.

List of approved courses usually taught by affiliate faculty:

ANT 320 Andean Civilization	3
ANT 322 Ancient Mexican Civilizations	3
ANT 324 Contemporary Latin American Cultures	3
ANG 328 The Ancient Maya	3
GEO 324 Geography of Central and South America and the Caribbean	3

HIS 206 History of Colonial Latin America, 1492 to 1810	3
HIS 207 History of Modern Latin America, 1810 to Present	3
HIS 208 History of the Atlantic World	3
HIS 562 Modern Mexico	3
HIS 563 The History of Women in Latin America	3
HIS 564 History of Brazil	3
LAS 395 Independent Work in Latin American Studies	3
PS 428G Latin American Government and Politics	3
PS 538 Conflict and Cooperation in Latin American Relations	3
*SOC 350 Topics in Sociology (Subtitle required)	3
SOC 432 Race and Ethnic Relations	3
SPA 314 Civilization of Spanish America	3
SPA 322 Literature, Life and Thought of Spanish America	3
SPA 332 Spanish and Latin American Business Environments	3
SPA 438G Literature of Social Protest in Spanish America	3
*SPA 474 Topics in Hispanic Studies (Subtitle required)	3
<i>*Course subtitle must focus on Latin American, Caribbean and/or Latino studies.</i>	

For more information, consult the Director of Latin American Studies.

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