

LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES MINOR

Offered at: San Luis Obispo Campus

Latin America is a region of critical importance to the United States. Students gain an interdisciplinary understanding of Latin America, as well as its cultural, political, and economic connections to California. This knowledge is increasingly important for a broad range of careers, including education, health, government, business, agriculture, tourism, and trade. The minor also promotes critical thinking skills and enhances the appreciation of diversity as students confront issues relevant to Latin America and US-Latin America relations.

Program Learning Objectives

1. Learn about the diverse patterns of people, environments, and countries of Latin America.
2. Recognize and understand the global importance of Latin America and the contributions to knowledge and civilization made by the people of the region.
3. Critically examine the cultural, political, and economic linkages between Latin America and the United States.
4. Identify ways to interact with people from Latin American countries in ways that validate their cultural norms and experiences.
5. Prepare students to study, travel, or work productively in Latin America.

Minor Requirements and Curriculum

The minor must be completed prior to, or at the same time as, the requirements for the bachelor's degree. A major and a minor may not be taken in the same degree program, and a minor is not required for a degree. Requirements for the minor include:

- At least half of the units must be from upper-division courses (3000-4000 level).
- At least half of the units must be taken at Cal Poly (in residence).
- No more than one-third of the units will be taken with credit-no credit grading (CR/NC), not counting courses with mandatory CR/NC. Departments may further limit CR/NC grading if desired.
- A minimum 2.0 GPA is required in all units counted for completion of the minor.

Code	Title	Units
REQUIRED COURSES		
GEOG 3370	Geography of Latin America	3
SPAN 2201	Intermediate Spanish I	4
Select from the following:		3-4
ANT 3330	Indigenous South Americans	
GEOG 3380	Geography of the Caribbean	
HIST 3338	Modern Latin America	
POLS 3328	Politics of Developing Areas	
WLC 3310	Humanities in World Cultures	
WLC 3315	Critical Issues in Latin American Studies	
Select from the following:		3
SPAN 2233	Introduction to Hispanic Literature	
WLC 3312	Humanities in Chicana/Latinx Cultures	
Approved Electives		
Select from the following: ¹		5-6
ANT 3330	Indigenous South Americans	
ES 2223	Latina/o/x Popular Culture	
ES 2255	Introduction to Latina/o/x Studies	
ES 3300	Chicana/o/x Non-Fiction Literature	
ES 3301	Latina/o/x Literature of the United States	
ES 3302	Chicana/o/x Literature	
ES 3303	Latina/o/x Poetry	
ES 3324	Chicana/o/x Film	
GEOG 3380	Geography of the Caribbean	
HIST 3337	Colonial Latin America	
HIST 3338	Modern Latin America	
HIST 4442	Questions and Issues in Latin American History	

POLS 3328	Politics of Developing Areas
SPAN 2201	Intermediate Spanish I
SPAN 2202	Intermediate Spanish II
SPAN 2206	Spanish for Heritage Speakers
SPAN 2207	Introduction to Spanish Linguistics
SPAN 2233	Introduction to Hispanic Literature
SPAN 2241	Intermediate Spanish Language and Cultures I Study Abroad
SPAN 2242	Intermediate Spanish Language and Cultures II Study Abroad
SPAN 3301	Advanced Writing in Spanish
SPAN 3302	Spanish Conversation, Composition, and Advocacy
SPAN 3303	Introduction to English-Spanish Translation
SPAN 3305	Literary Works in Spanish
SPAN 3307	Spanish and Latin American Film
SPAN 3340	Chicanx/Latinx Works in Spanish
SPAN 3350	Hispanic Literature in English Translation
SPAN 3351	Chicanx/Latinx Works in English
SPAN 3380	Spanish for the Professions
SPAN 4402	Advanced Spanish Applied Linguistics
SPAN 4410	Advanced Literary Studies in Spanish
WLC 3310	Humanities in World Cultures
WLC 3312	Humanities in Chicanx/Latinx Cultures
WLC 3315	Critical Issues in Latin American Studies
Select any course that was not taken to satisfy a requirement listed above	

Total Units
18

¹ A minimum of 3 units must be taken at the 3000-4000 level.