

MINOR IN LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES

College of Liberal & Creative Arts

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Latin American Studies Program

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Program Scope

The Minor in Latin American Studies is a multidisciplinary program designed to provide undergraduate students with an understanding of Latin American societies, including their history and literature, as well as economic and political developments. The minor emphasizes the hybrid nature of Latin American societies, their shared cultures and history, their influence on other parts of the world, and the region's multi-layered relations with other countries. With a selection of courses drawn from disciplines or fields such as ethnic studies, the arts, the humanities, and the social sciences, students have the flexibility to explore a wide range of subjects including ancient and modern civilizations, ethnic relations, the literary "boom" of the 1960s, doing business in present-day Latin America, and more. The minor will be useful to students planning careers in education, humanities, and the arts, the Foreign Service, international organizations, overseas corporations, and banking, as well as for those who simply desire a better understanding of Latin America. The multidisciplinary nature of the program also prepares students for further work in a number of academic fields at the graduate level.

The minor consists of a core curriculum of three courses (9 to 10 units) that deal with the region as a whole from a variety of disciplinary perspectives, plus 12 to 14 units of elective upper-division coursework. No more than 6 units can be taken on a CR/NC basis. Students planning to take courses other than those listed below must get prior approval from the program director. Students completing the Latin American Studies minor are encouraged to participate in the study abroad programs at SF State. Courses taken in certified SF State study abroad programs may be substituted for the minor's requirements.

Program Learning Outcomes

- [1. Develop an understanding of the varied aspects of Latin American societies.](#)
- [2. Critically evaluate the inter-relationships among history, language and literature, social, economic, and political developments, and their influence on the place that the nations of the region occupy in the international order as a reflection of social justice and global perspectives.](#)
- [3. Explore a wide range of subjects as well as specialize in particular areas such as the Caribbean, Central America, Mexico, and South America.](#)

Professor

Gustavo Adolfo Calderon (1989), *Professor in Modern Languages and Literatures*. Ph.D. University of Iowa.

Juanita Darling (2008), *Professor in International Relations*. Ph.D. University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

Laura Garcia-Moreno (2004), *Professor in Liberal Studies*. Ph.D. Cornell University.

Katherine Gordy (2008), *Professor in Political Science*. Ph.D. Cornell University.

Dane Johnson (1995), *Professor in Comparative and World Literature*. Ph.D. Stanford University.

Katynka Martinez (2007), *Professor in Latina/Latino Studies*. Ph.D. University of California at San Diego.

Kitty Millet (2004), *Professor in Jewish Studies*. Ph.D. University of Minnesota.

Raquel Rivera Pinderhuges (1992), *Professor in Urban Studies and Planning*. Ph.D. Graduate Center of New York.

Associate Professor

Jason Ferreira (2005), *Associate Professor in Race and Resistance Studies*. Ph.D. University of California, Berkeley.

Logan Hennessy (2007), *Associate Professor in Liberal Studies*. Ph.D. University of California, Berkeley.

Karen Morrison (2016), *Associate Professor in History*. Ph.D. University of Florida.

Assistant Professor

Ana Luengo (2015), *Assistant Professor in Modern Languages and Literatures*. Ph.D. Hamburg Universität.

Lecturer

Brigitte I. Davila (1994), *Lecturer in Latina/Latino Studies*. J.D. University of California, Berkeley.

Latin American Studies Minor – 21-24 units

A minimum of 6 upper-division units are required to complete the minor.

All coursework used to satisfy the requirements of the minor must be completed with a minimum grade point average of 2.0.

Core Courses (9-10 units)

Code	Title	Units
Group A: Latin America in Historical Perspective		
ANTH/LTNS 501/ HIST 358	Latin America: The National Period	3
Select one course from Group B and one from Group C		6-7
Group B: Social Perspectives and Politics		
HIST/WGS 355/LTNS 533	History of Women in Latin America	
HIST 356		
HIST 359		
I R/PLSI 322	Policy Analysis: The Latin American Cases	
SOC 645	Sociology of Latin America	
Group C: Arts and Culture		

HUM 455	Humanities of the Americas
SPAN 405	Culture and Civilization of Spanish America

study, scoring at the appropriate level on the Spanish placement exam, study abroad in the region or the Iberian peninsula, or by demonstration of equivalent competency.

Electives (12-14 units)

Code	Title	Units
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Select two courses from each group with no more than 9 units from any one discipline. Core courses may not be used.

Group I: Social Perspectives, Politics, and International Relations

ANTH 471		3
HIST 353	History of Mexico	3
HIST 354		
HIST 357	Colonial Latin America	3
IBUS 591		3
I R/C J 306	Crisis in Central America: U.S. Policy and the Root Causes of Chaos	4
LS 430	Future of the Forests	3
LTNS 350	Gender and Latina/x Feminisms	3
LTNS 460	Central Americans of the U.S.: History and Heritage	3
LTNS 467	Caribbeans in the U.S.: History and Heritage	3
LTNS/SOC 640	Sociology of Latina/x/o Experiences	3
LTNS 660	Latina/o Politics	3
LTNS 670/ PLSI 408	Mexican Politics and Society	3
LTNS 692	Cuba: Health, Education, and Culture	3
PLSI 389	Latin American Revolutionary Societies	4
RPT 470	Travel with Purpose	3

Group II: Arts, Humanities, and Culture

CWL 440	"Typical American": Narratives of Multiculturalism in the Americas from 1492 to the Present	3
CWL 520	Modern Prose of the Americas	3
CWL 540	Faulkner, García Márquez, and Morrison	3
HUM 371	Biography of a City: Latin American Cities	3
JS/CWL/ENG 451	Jewish Literature of the Americas	3
LTNS 409/ CINE 309	Latina/o/x Cinema	3
LTNS 425	Popular and Traditional Music of the Latinx U.S. (CSL)	3
LTNS 450	Critical Latinx Indigeneities	3
LTNS 475	Aztec Philosophy	3
LTNS 560	Contemporary Latina/o Literature	3
MUS 532	Music of Latin America	3
SPAN 341	Introduction to the Reading of Literary Texts	3
SPAN 543	Spanish American Literature: Romanticism to Modernism	3
SPAN 545	20th Century Spanish American Literature	3
SPAN 595	Senior Survey in Spanish or Spanish American Literature	3

Foreign Language Requirement

All students completing this area studies minor are required to demonstrate intermediate-level competency in a language other than English and that is relevant to the area. This requirement may be met by completing the University entrance requirement of two years of high school language study, one year of successful college-level language