Skills you can market

- Cultural awareness and sensitivity
- Multi-language competency
- Effective research and presentation skills
- Critical thinking and problem solving
- Ability to work with diverse populations
- Effective written and oral communication skills
- Appreciation for cultural differences
- Understanding of hemispheric social and economic systems
- Knowledge of socio-historical and contemporary social and political national and international climates

What kind of professions can I pursue?

- Foreign Correspondent
- International Sales/Business Professional
- Environmental Policy and Management
- Journalist
- Travel Agent
- Medical professional
- Education professional
- Embassy personnel
- Market researcher
- Study Abroad Coordinator
- NPO or NGO professional
- Political analyst

Why should you pursue a minor in Latin American Studies?

The Foundation

The Latin American Studies minor is an interdisciplinary program that challenges students to apply foundational vocabulary associated with the region to a broad spectrum of focus areas including: theology, economics, environmental studies, cultural studies, political science, language studies, business, history, sociology and anthropology. Upon completing the program, students are prepared to apply discipline-specific skills with a high degree of language and cultural competency as competitive global citizens.

The US Context

As of July, 2014, the population of Latinos/as in the US reached 55 million people; a population totaling 17% of the national demographic. Latin American culture is becoming more and more relevant in our everyday lives, and students with a formation in Latin American studies will be able to provide valuable and compassionate contributions to these communities as well as diverse careers in public service, business, humanitarian work, law and health care.
Interdisciplinary Courses

Students must complete 9 credits from the list, only 6 of which can be Spanish courses.

- AN/SO 204 Cultural Anthropology. 3 credits.
- AN/SO 317 Ethnic and Racial Relations. 3 credits.
- TH 264 Theologies of Liberation. 3 credits.
- PO 102 Introduction to Comparative Politics. 3 credits.
- PO 348 International Negotiations: Argentina/Mexico/Chile. 3 credits.
- ES 121 Environmental Science. 3 credits.
- ES 300C Tropical Ecology: Belize/Ecuador. 3 credits.
- ENLT 489 US Latino/a, Chicano/a Literature & Culture. 3 credits.
- SP 150/250/350 Intensive Spanish Immersion. 3 credits. (Approved depending on topic studied during study abroad)
- SP 305 Introduction to Spanish & Latin American Literature. 3 credits.
- SP 306 Advanced Spanish Grammar and Composition. 3 credits (WI).
- SP 320 Spanish for the Professions. 3 credits.
- SP 403 or 404 Topics in Latin American Culture & Literature I or II. 3 credits.
- SP 410 Topics in Spanish & Latin American Film Studies. 3 credits. (Depending on approved topic).

Requirements to Complete a Minor

Students will complete at least 22 credits and have completed language acquisition in an approved language through the intermediate level. (Spanish, French, Portuguese, Haitian Creole, or Latin American native languages, for example Nahuatl, Quechua, Maya-Quiché, Aymará, Guaraní or another approved language).

Required Courses

Students must complete all four of the following courses in order to complete the minor.

- MLAS 200 Gateway Course in Latin American Studies. 3 credits.
- HIST 271 History of Modern Latin America. 3 credits.
- SP 303 Introduction to Spanish & Latin American Civilization & Culture. 3 credits.
- MLAS 495 Capstone in Latin American Studies. 1-3 credits.

“I decided to study Spanish and volunteer in the Dominican Republic for 3 months. It was such an amazing experience”

-Sarah Potucek,
Nursing and Spanish Major