Duluth Campus

Latin American Area Studies Minor

World Languages & Cultures

College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

- Program Type: Undergraduate minor related to major
- Requirements for this program are current for Fall 2016
- Required credits in this minor: 18 to 34

This program prepares students to thrive as globally competent citizens through in-depth encounters with Latin American cultures.

Students develop Spanish language communication skills. Topics studied pertain to Latin American literature, history, politics, and arts. The emphasis of this program is students' ability to analyze and articulate their understanding of the role that race, class, gender, sustainability, and human rights play in Spanish-speaking North America, Central America, South America and the Caribbean.

Latin American Area Studies begins to prepare graduates to be cross-culturally competent, global citizens who can apply their skills, knowledge, cultural awareness, and social commitment to a wide variety of local, regional, national or international career choices (including law, government, non-governmental organizations) and graduate or professional programs.

A study abroad experience is encouraged, but not required.

Program Delivery

This program is available:

- via classroom (the majority of instruction is face-to-face)

Minor Requirements

Required Language Core (0 - 16 cr)

Students with previous language study may be exempt from some core requirements and should consult the department about placement.

SPAN 1101 - Beginning Spanish I [LE CAT, COMM & LAN] (4.0 cr)
SPAN 1102 - Beginning Spanish II [LE CAT, COMM & LAN] (4.0 cr)
SPAN 1201 - Intermediate Spanish I [LE CAT, COMM & LAN] (4.0 cr)
SPAN 1202 - Intermediate Spanish II [LE CAT, COMM & LAN] (4.0 cr)

Required Core (12 cr)

SPAN 2301 - Advanced Spanish [LE CAT, COMM & LAN] (4.0 cr)
SPAN 2550 - Globalization and Sustainability in Latin America [SUSTAIN] (4.0 cr)
SPAN 3042 - Civilization, Cultures and Communities in Latin America [HUMANITIES, GLOBAL PER] (4.0 cr)

Electives (6 cr)

Other UMD courses that pertain to Latin America may be approved by an LAAS adviser.

Take 2 or more course(s) totaling 6 or more credit(s) from the following:

- ANTH 3618 - Ancient Middle America (3.0 cr)

ANTH 3632 - Latin American Cultures (3.0 cr)
FORS 3200 - Exploring Sustainability & Culture - Study Abroad [GLOBAL PER] (1.0 - 6.0 cr)
FORS 3205 - GEOG 3205 Mapping in Belize (3.0 cr) (summer)
FST 4266 - INTB 4495 Peru's Food Movement: The Links to Health, Development and Branding [GLOBAL PER] (3.0 cr)
GEOG 3712 - Geography of Latin America (3.0 cr)
POL 3575 - Latin American Politics and Development (3.0 cr)
POL 3580 - Central American Politics (3.0 cr)
SPAN 2540 - Latino Literatures and Cultures [LE CAT8, LECD CAT08, HUMANITIES, CDIVERSITY] (4.0 cr)
SPAN 401x
WS 3001 - Gender Relations in the Global South [GLOBAL PER] (3.0 cr)
WS 3002 - Latin American Women: Culture and Politics (3.0 cr)

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