

Latin American Studies Minor

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The Latin American Studies minor, an interdepartmental program within the College of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences, provides students with an interdisciplinary and rigorous introduction to Latin America. The minor complements existing majors through the expansion and development of regional knowledge and expertise. After completing the minor, students will have demonstrated language competence and enhanced political, economic, cultural, and sociological understanding of the countries and peoples of Latin America.

Admission Requirements

1. USU students in good standing who are enrolled in any major or department and who have a 2.75 minimum GPA qualify for admission to this minor.
2. Transfer students from other institutions need a 2.75 minimum total GPA for admission to this minor.

Latin American Studies Minor Requirements

(18 credits, plus language competency)

A. Language Requirement

A minimum of *two years* (16 credits or four semesters) of Introductory Spanish (SPAN 1010, 1020, 2010, and 2020) or Introductory Portuguese (PORT 1010, 1020, 2010, and 2020), or the completion of an equivalent competency exam, is required.

B. Required Course (3 credits)

LATS 2200 Introduction to Latin America (F) 3

C. Electives (15 credits)

Students must choose a *minimum of five courses* from the following list. The courses must be chosen from *at least two different disciplines*.³

ANTH 3130 (CI) Peoples of Latin America 3
ANTH/SOC 5130/6130 Ethnographic Field School (Su) 6

GEOG 4200 (CI) Regional Geography: Latin America (F,Sp,Su) 3

HIST 3620 History of Colonial Latin America 3

HIST 3630 History of Modern Latin America 3

HIST 3640 History of Social Movements in Latin America 3

HIST 3650 Caribbean History 3

HIST 3660 History of Mexico 3

POLS 3270 (DSS) Latin American Government and Politics (F) 3

POLS 4450 (CI) United States and Latin America (Sp) 3

PORT 3570 (DHA) Brazilian Culture and Civilization (F) 3

PORT 3630 (DHA)¹ Survey of Brazilian Literature (Sp) 3

PORT 3800¹ Portuguese III Study Abroad (Su) 3

SPAN 3510 Business Spanish (F,Sp) 3

SPAN 3570 (DHA) Latin American Culture and Civilization (F,Sp) 3

SPAN 3620 (DHA)¹ Survey of Latin American Literature I (F,Sp) 3

SPAN 3630 (DHA)¹ Survey of Latin American Literature II (F,Sp) 3

SPAN 3660⁴ Latin American Literature—Study Abroad (Su) 1-4

SPAN 3800¹ Spanish III Study Abroad (Su) 1-4

SPAN 4800^{2,4} Hispanic Culture and Civilization—Study Abroad (Su) 1-4

SPAN 4910¹ Topics of Latin American Literature (F,Sp) 3

D. Major Courses Limitation

Only *two* courses completed as part of the student's major may be applied toward the Latin American Studies minor.

E. Restricted Electives (3 credits)

Students may choose one course from the following list to count toward their total elective credits.

ENGL 3300 Period Studies in American Literature: The Mexican Revolution and its Aftermath in the United States (F,Sp) 3

ENGL 5300 (CI) Literature and Gender: Chicana Literature (F,Sp) 3

HIST 3670 Slavery in the Atlantic World 3

HIST 4630 The History of Mexican Americans 3

SOC 4730 Women in International Development (Sp) 3

¹Requires a proficiency in Spanish or Portuguese at the 3000 level or above.

²Requires a proficiency in Spanish at the 2000 level or above.

³A limit of 6 credits of overlapping courses from a pre-existing major or alternative minor may be counted toward this elective requirement.

⁴SPAN 3660 and 4800 can be counted as electives for the Latin American Studies Minor *only* when they are taken in a Latin American country.

Additional Information

For additional information about the Latin American Studies minor, see the minor requirement sheet, which can be accessed online at:

<http://www.usu.edu/majorsheets/>

Course Description

Latin American Studies (LATS), [click here](#)