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# Minor in Latin American Studies: Offered by WLC, HCOM, SBGS

## Description of Minor:

The interdisciplinary Latin American Studies Minor is designed for students who wish to augment their major with knowledge of the history, cultures, politics, economics, societies and ecology of the Latin American region -- comprised of Mexico, Central America, South America and the Spanish speaking and French speaking Caribbean. This minor requires proficiency in either Spanish or Portuguese and at least 16 semester units or the equivalent in interdisciplinary learning experiences approved by one of the faculty advisors.

The minor in Latin American Studies will complement most of the major programs at CSUMB. A minor in Latin American Studies can also help prepare you for the teaching profession, whether in Spanish, history, or social studies. It is recommended for you if you plan to travel, work or study anywhere in the Latin American region. Students who pursue this minor are encouraged to study and/or travel in Latin America before they graduate.

## Educational Objectives of the LAS Minor:

- Expand your cultural understanding and appreciate the differences and similarities between the various peoples of the Western hemisphere
- Provide you with the necessary knowledge, perspectives, experience, and language skills to undertake successful university studies, fieldwork, travel, social service and/or employment in Latin America
- Enable you to comprehend and interpret the complex social, economic, political and cultural conditions that prevail in

contemporary Latin America

- Develop your intercultural communications and interaction skills
- Provide you with a range of verbal, written, information processing and reflective skills to equip you for success in multicultural workplaces, multicultural communities, and other forms of social interaction

## Requirements, Courses and Pathways:

To enter the minor, you must:

- Have an overall GPA of 2.0 or better
- Have completed at least 45 semester units

To graduate with a Latin American Studies Minor, you must have received a grade of C or higher in at least four courses approved by one of the LAS faculty advisors. The courses must come from both the humanities and social sciences, with a minimum of two courses in each area. A list of approved courses is provided below.

**You must also demonstrate that you have Intermediate-High language proficiency in either Spanish or Portuguese by:**

- Completing an upper-division Spanish language course at CSUMB
- Spanish or Portuguese language study in an overseas program
- Transferring equivalent course credits
- Take an approved assessment at the Intermediate-High level

You must complete with a grade of "C" or higher one of the following learning experiences early in their program of study

- **SPAN 306 ~ Culture and Civilization of Spanish Latin America**
- **SPAN 309 ~ History & Politics of Latin America**
- An equivalent learning experience approved by one of the LAS faculty advisors.

## Course List (must include 2 HU and 2 SS)

- SPAN 262 ~ Latin American Literature in Translation-HU
- SPAN 302 ~ History and Phonetic Structure of the Spanish Language -HU
- SPAN 304 ~ Introduction To Hispanic Literature -HU
- SPAN 306 ~ Culture and Civilization of Spanish Latin America-HU
- SPAN 307 ~ History & Politics Of Mexico-SS
- SPAN 309 ~ History & Politics of Latin America-SS
- SPAN 311/GS 311 ~ US Foreign Policy in the Pacific Rim-SS
- SPAN 425 ~ La Literatura Mexicana-HU
- SPAN 426 ~ Narativa Hispanoamericana-HU
- SPAN 427 ~ Latin American Women Writers-HU
- SPAN 428 ~ La Literatura Afrolatina-HU
- HCOM 244 ~ Latino USA: Identity and Experiences-HU
- HCOM 328 ~ Latina Life Stories-HU
- HCOM 445 ~ Slavery & Race in the Americas-SS
- SBS 244 ~ Latino USA: Identity and Experiences-SS
- SBS 320S ~ Hispanic California - 1542 to 1848 -SS
- SBS 325 ~ Art of the Aztec Empire-HU
- SBS 348 ~ Ancient Maya Civilization-SS
- SBS 355 ~ Archaeological Thought of the Americas ~ 2.0 TO 4.0 credits-SS
- SBS 362 ~ Ethnological Research and Methods of Analysis-SS
- SBS 362L ~ Ethnographic Research Lab ~ 2.0 credits-SS
- SBS 388 ~ Crisis and Development in Mexican Society-SS