Latin American Studies Minor

The minor in Latin American Studies offers a cross-disciplinary concentration on an important region of the world for students preparing for careers in, or focusing on, Latin America. Through a combination of courses in different disciplines, it provides a general background in Latin American culture, history, politics, economics, literature, social structures, and foreign relations. Although a foreign language is not required, the study of Spanish, Portuguese, or indigenous languages is highly recommended.

The minor consists of 20 semester units, which include courses in at least two different disciplines: at least one from category A, and not more than three courses from any one discipline. Classes used for general education may not be applied towards the minor. Students interested in the minor should contact Robert McNamara, Department of Political Science or Elizabeth C. Martinez, Department of Modern Languages and Literatures.

A. Regional Courses

- GEOG 392 Latin America: Culture and Environment (3-4)
- HIST 339 Introduction to Latin America (4)
- HIST 342 Modern Latin America (4)
- SPAN 307 Latin American Cultures (4)
- POLS 453 Politics of Latin America (4)
- HIST 431 History of Cuba (3-4)
- HIST 433 History of Mexico (4)
- HIST 434 United States and Latin America (4)
- SPAN 402 Latin American Literature (4)
- SPAN 491 Seminar in Literature (4)

B. Specialized Courses

- ECON 403 Seminar in International Development (4)
- GEOG 318 Field Experience, Baja California (3)
- HIST 431 History of Cuba (3-4)
- HIST 433 History of Mexico (4)
- HIST 434 United States and Latin America (4)
- SPAN 402 Latin American Literature (4)
- SPAN 491 Seminar in Literature (4)

C. Supporting Electives

Any courses focusing on Latin America in art, literature, philosophy, music, economics, Mexican American studies, Native American studies, or liberal studies approved by the advisor for the minor in Latin American Studies.

Total units for minor: 20