LATIN AMERICAN AND LATINO
STUDIES MINOR

Curriculum

Requirements & Academics

The minor in Latin American and Latino Studies requires six courses (18 credit hours). Students are required to complete and pass the following:

- Two (2) introductory-level courses with a Latin American or Latin@ focus (usually at the 200+ level) in the Departments of Anthropology, Modern Languages and Literatures, Political Science, or History. A course taken while studying abroad in Latin America will be considered upon review of course description and syllabus. Please contact the Director directly for any clarifications and/questions.

- Four (4) elective courses that are listed or tagged as LASP and offered in any Loyola Department, School, or Program (Modern Languages and Literatures, School of Social Work, Women's Studies/Gender Studies, etc.). Students may count up to two (2) electives in any given program (i.e. a student may take both HIST 352 Latin America in the 19th Century and HIST 355 The Caribbean & Central America in Colonial/Modern Times, but a third history course will not count toward the minor). Transfer and Study Abroad Credits will also be considered and evaluated by the Program Director.

- An ePortfolio requirement to be completed by the 13th week of the student's final semester. Graduating LASP students will present their ePortfolio at the LASP ePortfolio Tertulia. This reflective LASP ePortfolio will follow LUC ePortfolio Program [ http://www.luc.edu/experiential/eportfolio/ ]

Learning Outcomes

Upon graduating, students from our interdisciplinary undergraduate Latin American and Latinx Studies Program will be able to:

- Gain an appreciation for the cultural, economic, and ethnic diversity of Latin America and US Latinx communities by studying several academic disciplines from all LUC campuses which include, but are not limited to Anthropology, Communication, Sociology, History, Modern Languages and Literatures, Philosophy, Political Science, Women's Studies/Gender Studies, and Theology.

- Engage with the integrative, multidisciplinary nature of Latin American and US Latinx Studies and articulate how it is a connected to other interdisciplinary fields of study.

- Recognize the value of studying from an intersectionality perspective and intercultural framework while achieving a better understanding of the Latin American region and the growing US Latinx communities.

- Develop knowledge and identify key Latin American/US Latinx issues, including, but not limited to social (in)justice, mestizaje, (im)migration, language and identity, neo/postcolonialism, gender and sexuality studies, grassroots movements, popular culture, and political resistance.

- Increase oral and written Spanish and/or Portuguese language proficiency.

- Prepare for graduate study and for work in professional fields both in the US and in Latin America.