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 the Regional Courses category, and not more than three courses from any one discipline. Classes used for general education may not be applied toward the minor. Students interested in the minor can contact one of three advisors, Robert McNamara in Political Science, Elizabeth C. Martinez in two departments, Chicano and Latino Studies and Modern Languages and Literatures, or Theresa Alfaro-Velcamp in History.

Regional Courses
- GEOG 392 Latin America: Culture and Environment (3-4)
- HIST 339 Ancient and Colonial Latin America (4)
- HIST 342 Modern Latin America (4)
- POLS 453 Politics of Latin America (4)
- SPAN 307 Latin American Cultures (4)
- CALS 480 Latin American Migration to the United States

Specialized Courses
- ECON 403 Seminar in International Development (4)
- GEOG 318 Field Experience, Baja California (3)
- HIST 348 Race and Ethnicity in Latin America (4)
- HIST 433 History of Mexico (4)
- HIST 449 Gender and Sexuality in Latin America (4)
- SPAN 402 Latin American Literature (4)

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

Total units for Minor 20