

LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES MINOR

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Latin American studies focuses on the diverse and connected regions, societies, and cultures of Latin America. Students find that combining this minor with a major in another discipline is particularly attractive to employers. Latin American studies enhances a major in Spanish or anthropology for a career in teaching or human rights work; a major in communication for a career in journalism; and a major in business for a career in the U.S. Foreign Service, other government agencies, or international commerce.

Admissions & Policies

Policies

Eight credits of coursework must be unique to the minor and students must complete all coursework with a minimum GPA of 2.00. For policies governing all minors, see AP.5.3.4 Minors (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/undergraduate-policies/#ap-5-3-4>).

Requirements

Minor Requirements

Total credits: 18

Students should be aware of the specific policies associated with this program, located on the Admissions & Policies tab.

Core Courses

Code	Title	Credits
Select one course from the following:		3
HIST 271	Survey of Latin American History (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
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GOVT 331	Government and Politics of Latin America	
Total Credits		3

Language Proficiency

Students minoring in Latin American studies must demonstrate reading, speaking, or writing knowledge of Spanish or Portuguese by exam or by achieving a minimum grade of 2.00 in a 300-level course in the language selected. Upper-level Latin American literature or culture courses taught in Spanish or Portuguese may be used to satisfy the electives requirement.

Electives

Code	Title	Credits
Select five electives ¹		15
Total Credits		15

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Students may satisfy the electives with any course that contains a significant emphasis on Latin America or the culture, politics, sociology, or history of Latinos living in the United States. Students choose electives from courses offered by at least three different departments in consultation with the program director. Upper-level Latin American literature or culture courses taught in Spanish or Portuguese may be used to satisfy the requirement.