

Latin American Studies

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The Latin American Studies minor has as its goal to introduce students to the broad spectrum of political, social, economic, and cultural forces which have shaped this region in the past and continue to influence it today. This minor is designed to be interdisciplinary in nature and does not seek to encourage concentration in a single discipline or a single country. It may, however, prepare the student for such an endeavor in future studies.

A key requirement for this minor is the completion of a summer or semester abroad program in Latin America. The purpose of this requirement is to enhance the student's understanding and appreciation of Latin American culture and society.

Minor in Latin American Studies

Curriculum and Requirements

A minimum of 18 semester hours is required for this minor, at least 6 hours of which must be completed in an approved study abroad program.

Students must complete FLS 202 or the equivalent. This language requirement must be fulfilled before the study abroad experience. No FLS 100 or 200-level courses may be used to satisfy the 18 semester hours required for this minor.

The course work completed in residence at Bradley must include 9 hours of required coursework in foreign languages—Spanish and history. At least one of these courses must be completed at Bradley prior to study abroad. Students must also complete 3 hours of elective courses. A grade point average of at least 2.0 is required for course taken for the minor.

In order to ensure that student coursework deals with the history, economics, language, and culture of Latin America, students must have their Latin American Studies program (Bradley and study abroad courses) approved by an advisor from the minor's faculty coordinating committee. The study abroad portion of the requirement must be taken at a Bradley-approved site in Latin America. Such coursework can be taken in Spanish or English.

Required Courses (9 hrs)

HIS 105 Non-Western Civilization: Latin America
FLS 322 Latin America Civilization and Culture
HIS 332 Modern Latin American History or HIS 335 Modern Mexico

Elective Courses (3 hrs)

ECO 351 Economic Development
FLS 316 Topics in Hispanic Language and Literature
FLS 342 Survey of Hispanic-American Literature I
FLS 343 Survey of Hispanic American Literature II
FLS 490 Topics in Hispanic Language or Literature
FLS 492 Practicum in Spanish
FLS 495 Independent Study
HIS 334 Non-Western History: Social
HIS 405 Independent Reading in History
HIS 406 Individual Study in History
HIS 452 Area Studies Research Seminar
IB 400 Topics in International Business
IS 275 Problems in Developing Countries
IS 322 Latin America in the International System
IS 323 Problems in Latin American Development
IS 475 Contemporary Issues in International Studies
IS 490 Directed Study and Travel Abroad
IS 499 Research in International Relations

Study Abroad Courses (6 hrs)