



Latin American Studies

The Latin American Studies minor is a course of study in the liberal arts that provides students with an understanding of the many facets of Latin American literature and history, society and culture, economics and politics, ecology and environment, languages, arts, and humanities. Students are given the opportunity to study the Latino experience in the United States and explore global issues that impact indigenous, Afro-descendants, and ethnically diverse communities of Latin America, i.e., migration, displacement, mobilization, and the pursuit of social justice.

Minor Requirements

The Latin American Studies minor is available to students in any major. Seven courses are required. Students must take two Spanish language courses at the 207 level or higher; one course from Group 1 (Latin American History); and four additional courses from Group 2 or a combination of Groups 1 and 2. Students must select courses from at least two departments with no more than three courses from a single department. With the approval of the LAS Director, Latin American-themed JayTerm courses can be counted (one JayTerm course may count for up to two credits).

Group 1: LAS 201, HIS 260, HIS 261, SPN 289 or POL 250 when taught with an emphasis on Latin America

Group 2: EVS 315, EVS 300, MUS 241, MUS 341, SPN 371, SPN 311, SPN 420, or SPN 421, also ENG 255/355, EVS 300 when taught with an emphasis on Latin America

When the following courses are taught with a specific emphasis on Latin America, they may also count as electives toward the minor: ENG 155, SPN 411, SPN 457, FRN 457, GWS 210, POL 120, POL 220, POL 320, POL 321, POL 322, and POL 331.

Students must incorporate a study away experience with a focus on Latin America, in consultation with the LAS director. Study away may be one of the following: semester-long study abroad, internship away, Mazingira project, short-term study away/service learning project, or JayTerm trip. Spanish majors/minors interested in an LAS minor may use up to two 200-, 300-, or 400-level SPN courses towards the minor.



Program Website

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Beyond the Classroom

Students have many opportunities for research, internships, conferences, and networking beyond the classroom that give them an advantage to prepare for life after W&J.

Research and Internships

- Semester-long stays in Spanish-speaking countries (Costa Rica, Ecuador, Spain, and Uruguay)
- Summer Magellan projects and study abroad in Spanish-speaking countries (any Spanish-speaking country of your choice)
- Jay Term travel courses in January or May to Spanish-speaking countries (Peru and Spain)
- Internships and service learning opportunities in Costa Rica, Chile, the Dominican Republic, Spain and Puerto Rico

Careers

- Government agencies, diplomat, law enforcement
- Business, banking, international law or business, patent attorney
- Translator, professor, marketing, journalist
- Medical professional, international science researcher, and more

Alumni Achievements

- Fulbright recipient, MA in Law and Diplomacy, Public Affairs Specialist for the US Forest Service
- Fulbright ESL and Research recipients to Colombia, Ecuador, Spain and Korea
- Assistant Professor of Spanish and Latinx Studies at Marywood University
- Studying Pharmacy at UNC
- Peace Corps recipients to Southeast Asia
- Teach For America and Americorps



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