

Why study Latin America and the Caribbean?

Latin American & Caribbean Studies can enhance your perspective on the world, as well as better prepare you for careers in a variety of fields. As societies of the Western Hemisphere become more interdependent, expertise in Latin America and the Caribbean can be especially useful for students planning careers in business, education, government, non-profit, social work, labor studies, and journalism.

Students interested in specializing in Latin American & Caribbean Studies can pursue a minor or certificate. The minor provides a solid base, while the certificate is awarded to students who pursue a more in-depth specialization in the region.

- You can complete the minor while completing General Education requirements in several degree programs.
- COAS students can simultaneously fulfill Culture Studies and Social & Historical Studies requirements with the L300-L301 series.
- Business students can complete a minor and a field specialization in Latin American & Caribbean Studies as part of General Education requirements.
- Overseas Studies programs in Latin America or the Caribbean can count toward the minor or the area certificate.

Study Abroad

Qualified students have the opportunity to study in certain Latin American countries in one of the international study programs of the university. CLACS encourages students to take advantage of these programs. In 2005, IU students studied in Argentina, Belize, Bolivia, Chile, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Guatemala, Mexico, the Netherland Antilles and Peru. Contact the Office of Overseas Study, Franklin Hall 303, (812) 855-9304 for more information.

Credit earned in Latin American study programs may fulfill part of either the minor or the area certificate requirements.

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Latin American & Caribbean Undergraduate Programs



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Core Courses

Students may obtain a minor or an area certificate while pursuing a bachelor's degree in a primary discipline. Some requirements for the minor and certificate are flexible; students interested in either option should plan their coursework in consultation with the CLACS Academic Advisor.

Minor in Latin American & Caribbean Studies

- 15 credit hours of coursework within the College of Arts & Sciences. The courses must be related to Latin American & Caribbean Studies and include the L300-L301 course sequence.
- The language requirement of the College of Arts & Sciences must be fulfilled in Spanish or Portuguese.
- In most cases, courses in a student's major discipline cannot be used to satisfy the requirements of the minor.
- A grade of C or higher is required in any course fulfilling the minor requirements.

Certificate in Latin American & Caribbean Studies

- A total of 24 credit hours in approved Latin America & Caribbean Studies courses. This total must include one seminar on the region and the L300-L301 course sequence.
- Six credit hours in Spanish or Portuguese beyond the College of Arts & Sciences foreign language requirement. (Oral proficiency in Spanish or Portuguese must be demonstrated.)
- A maximum of 6 credit hours in the student's major may be credited toward the area certificate.
- The overall grade average for coursework fulfilling the certificate requirements must be a B or above.

L300 The Latin American Experience

Introduction to Latin America: geography, heritage, and process from pre-Columbian civilizations to colonies and nations.

L301 Contemporary Problems in Latin America

Introduction to pertinent problems of twentieth-century Latin America, such as industrialization, urbanization, revolution, and self-expression.

L305 Spanish Across the Curriculum

L400 Contemporary Mexico

L401 Contemporary Latin America Seminar

L402 Contemporary Brazil

L403 Contemporary Central America

L406 Contemporary Peru and Chile

L420 New Latin American Cinema

L425 Latin American & Caribbean Languages

L426 Special Topics in LA&C Studies

L495 Readings in Latin American Studies

Other departments offer courses which may be counted toward the minor or certificate in Latin American & Caribbean Studies if they have sufficient Latin American content. *For the most up-to-date offerings see our web page or contact CLACS.*

Examples of Cross-listed Courses

ANTHROPOLOGY

ANTH-A 150 Freshman Seminar In Anthropology
ANTH-E 321/322 Peoples of Mexico/Peoples of Brazil
ANTH-P 370 Civilizations of The Andes
ANTH-P 335 Ancient Civ of Meso America
ANTH-P 340 Indians of Mexico & Central America
ANTH-E 400 Coffee Culture Productions and Market

BUSINESS

BUS-D 301 International Business Environment
BUS-D 302 Intl Business: Operations of Int. Enterprise

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES (COAS)

COAS-S 103 Latino Popular Music
COAS-S 104 Voices From South Of The Border
COAS-S 104 Ethnicity & Race In Latin America

ECONOMICS

ECON-E 303 Survey of International Economics
ECON-E 331/530 International Trade

EDUCATION

EDUC-M 300 Teaching in Pluralistic Society

FINE ARTS

FINA-A 452 Art of Pre-Columbian America

FOLKLORE & ETHNOMUSICOLOGY

FOLK-F 111 World Music and Culture
FOLK-F 353 Native American Film & Video

GEOGRAPHY

GEOG-G 323 Geography of Latin America
GEOG-G 324 Geography of the Caribbean

HISTORY

HIST-H 211 Latin American Culture & Civilization
HIST-F 336 Modern Central American History
HIST-F 343/346 Modern Brazil/Modern Mexico

JOURNALISM

JOUR-J414 International News-Gathering Systems

LATINO STUDIES

LATS-L 101 Intro to Latino Studies
LATS-L 102/103 Intro to Latino History/Latino Cultures
LATS-L 111 Intro to Latino Film
LATS-L 302/396 Latinos in the Media/in U.S. Educ

LINGUISTICS

LING-C 101/102 Haitian Creole I & II

MUSIC

MUS-M 413 Latin American Popular Music

POLITICAL SCIENCE

POLS-Y 200 Contemporary Political Problems
POLS-Y 337 Latin American Politics
POLS-Y 345 Comparative Revolutions

PUBLIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

SPEA-E 100 Environmental Topics
SPEA-E 465 Environmental Mgt in The Tropics

SOCIOLOGY

SOC-S 335 Race & Ethnic Relations

SPANISH & PORTUGUESE

HISP-S S275 and HISP-P 300 or above

