

LATIN AMERICAN AND LATINO STUDIES PROGRAM COURSE OVERVIEW

The minor in Latin American and Latino Studies requires 24 hours of coursework. We offer a flexible program with several opportunities for independent study and community engagement. Many of our courses are offered regularly and are taught by a diverse faculty. Below you will find our program course listing. You can use this document as a worksheet to assist you in the planning of your program of study.

Course	Description	Taken (X)
LAL/SOC 109: Introduction To U.S. Latina/o Studies	An interdisciplinary introduction to the migration, work, and community experiences of U.S. Latino/Latina immigrants and their descendants.	
GEO 235.02: Geography of Emerging Areas: Latin America	An examination of current and cultural realities of major emerging geographic regions in light of how they affect geography and how geography affects the cultures.	
HIS 104.03: History of Latin America	An examination of the history of Latin America.	
HIS 263: Modern Mexico	The study of Mexican history from the mid-18th century to present.	
HIS 282: History of Colonial Latin America	An economic history of colonial Latin America.	
HIS 283: History of Cuba	The study of the economic history of Cuba, with emphasis on the modern period.	
IDS 203.15: Nations and Narration Amali: Latin America	Construction of national identities from cultural, philosophical religious, and political empires using narrative discourse as a lens. Topics vary from one section to another.	
ENG 267: Foundations Of U.S. Latino/A Literatures & Cultures*	Concepts, themes, genre conventions, and major historical events and figures significant in U.S. Latino/a literatures and cultures.	
POL 240: Latin American Politics using selected countries as examples	Politics of development and regional integration in South and Central America.	
POL 340: Topics in Latin American Politics	Selected topics focusing on specialized aspects of Latin American politics. May repeat if content is different.	
PSY 327.01: Cultural Psychology: Latino/a Psychology*	A course that addresses how psychologists (and other social scientists) have investigated the behavior of Latino/Latinas (e.g., cultural identities, belief systems, language, mental health, etc.) and the contexts for their behavior (e.g., gender, families, communities, religion, school media, etc.).	
ANT 273: Foodways★*	Comparative study of food habits with emphasis on origins and cultural significance.	
ANT 303: Latin America in Ethnographic Perspective*	Exploration of major trends in the anthropology of Latin America as examined through ethnographic case studies. Prerequisite: Completion of 75 hours or consent of the instructor.	

ANT 383: Studies in Selected Cultures*	Culture patterns of selected areas. Topics include physical characteristics, history, social, political, intellectual life, and cultural change. May be repeated if content different. Prerequisite: Consent of the instructor.	
THE 375: Theatre and Performance of the Americas*	A seminar on theatre and performance traditions of the Americas. Specific topic will change each time offered. May be repeated with different content; maximum 6 hours. Prerequisites: THD 103 and 104.	
EAF 228: Social Foundations* ★	Education as a social process and function, social origins of contemporary educational problems. Diverse field experience hours are required. Prerequisite: 60 hours completed	
LAL 287: Independent Study*	Intensive work in a special area of the student's interest. Each individual project is to culminate in a comprehensive written report or examination. Arrange with LAL advisor or director.	
LAL 291: Undergraduate Teaching Experience*	The purpose of the program is to assist the faculty in the improvement of instruction and to provide teaching assistants with a valuable learning opportunity. The responsibilities and nature of the assignments are determined by the professor and student.	
LAL 398.01: Professional Practice: Internship/Co Op	Independent experience in a supervised community work setting with opportunities for civic engagement. Academic requirements include a final paper. A maximum of 6 hours may count toward the LAL minor. Director and supervisor consent necessary.	
LAL 398.02: Professional Practice: Research Apprenticeship	Supervised work experience in local, or community agencies, institutions, or organizations focusing on Latin American and Latino culture issues. May be repeated. Arrange with LAL advisor or director.	
SPA 112: First Year Spanish, Part II	Continuation of Part I. Not recommended if student had 3 years of high school Spanish. Not for credit if had SPA 115, 116 or 120.	
SPA 115: Second-Year Spanish, Part I	Review of Spanish grammar, vocabulary building, oral and written practice	
SPA 116: Second-Year Spanish, Part II	Class reading of short stories, plays, and essays. Grammar review and oral proficiency emphasized. This course is writing intensive.	
SPA 120: Introduction to Academic Spanish for Spanish Speakers*	Introduction to the basics of grammar, spelling, and vocabulary of formal academic Spanish for students who already speak Spanish. Not for credit if had 116. Prerequisite: Ability to speak Spanish at the high intermediate level, sufficient to carry on informal everyday conversations fluently.	
SPA 233: Introduction to Hispanic Literature	Reading and analysis of representative poems, plays and prose texts as first general introduction to Spanish and Spanish-American literature.	

SPA 240: Business Spanish	Development of practical language skills needed for doing business in the Spanish speaking world from a cultural and commercial perspective.	
SPA 244: Cultura Hispanoamericana	Cultural life and customs of Spanish-speaking countries in the Americas.	
SPA 326: Spanish American Literature: Foundations To Late 19Th Century.*	Reading and analysis of Spanish American literature in its cultural context, from its colonial foundations through Independence and nation building.	
SPA 327 Spanish American Literature: Late 19th Century to Present Day*	Reading and analysis of Spanish American literature in its cultural contexts from nation building to the present day.	
SPA 336: Selected Topics in Spanish-American Literature.	Variable topics providing in-depth study of major authors, works, genres, themes, or movements. May be repeated if content is different; a maximum of 18 semester hours. Prerequisite: SPA 233	
SPA 385: Topics in Hispanic Literature* ★	Intensive study of a genre, movement, author or work. This study varies each semester. May repeated if content is different; maximum of 18 hours. Formerly SELECTED TOPICS IN SPANISH LITERATURE. Prerequisite: SPA 233.	
POR 112: First Year Portuguese, Part II*	Continuation of Part I. Not for credit if had POR 115. Prerequisite: POR 111 or equivalent	
POR 115: Second Year Portuguese, Part I*	Review of Portuguese grammar, vocabulary building, oral and written practice.	
POR 116: Second Year Portuguese, Part II*	Continuation of POR 115. Class reading of short stories, plays, and essays. Grammar review and oral proficiency emphasized. Prerequisite: POR 115.	
TCH 319: Study of Bilingual/Bicultural	Education Theory, research, and practice in bilingual/bicultural education. (major blocked)	
TCH 320: Bilingual/Bicultural Program Design & Implementation	Emphasizes the process of developing a bilingual program, and examines the alternatives available at each stage. (major blocked)	
TCH 321: Bilingual/Bicultural Methods & Materials	Survey of methods and development of materials for teaching in bilingual/bicultural contexts. (major blocked)	
TCH 322: Internship in Bilingual/Bicultural Education	Bilingual major only. Bilingual language proficiency (ENG/SPA) or consent instructor. Grade of C or better in TCH 321 taken within seven years required, and placement in a bilingual classroom. (major blocked)	
WGS 391: Women's and Gender Studies Seminar ★*	Intensive and critical examination of selected topics in women's and gender studies. May be repeated; maximum 6 hours.	

Note: ★ With Advisor Approval/when topic is related to Latin America, *In process of being added to the catalog

A plan of study must be approved by the advisor.

Note: Your plan of study must be arranged with the LAL Program advisor. With the approval of the director and LAL advisor, courses with appropriate content may be approved; particularly LAN (Spanish) 305.15, 360.15; IDS 203.15; TCH coursework; EAF 228; and WGS 391 when topic is Latin America. To make an advising appointment, email the LAL advisor at jlclaus@IllinoisState.edu or call the program office directly at (309) 438-0097.

**See University Catalog for Course Prerequisites*