

Latin American and Latino Studies



Commonly Asked Questions

What is Latin American and Latino Studies (LALS)?

Latin American and Latino Studies is a new interdisciplinary program in the College of Liberal Arts. Many universities have discrete, separate programs in either Latin American or Latino studies. However, this innovative interdisciplinary program brings together both areas of study in one curricular offering. LALS provides a way for students to contemplate transnational connections and to approach the study of Latin American and Latino societies and cultures from a variety of methodological and disciplinary approaches.

Currently, the program offers a 15-credit hour minor that is comprised of courses in Spanish, Portuguese, Political Science, History, English (being developed), and Anthropology.
(See the exciting course selection on the other side)

How do I become a minor?

It is very easy! Simply speak with your current academic advisor about adding LALS as a complimentary minor to your major area of concentration.

What if I am not in the College of Liberal Arts? Can I still have a minor in Latin American and Latino Studies?

Definitely! The minor in Latin American and Latino Studies is open to all Purdue University undergraduate students who elect to expand the breadth of their knowledge regarding Latin American and US Latino cultures.

Are there plans for a major?

Yes. We have hopeful that a major in Latin American and Latino Studies is forthcoming. Be on the look out!

Are there opportunities for study abroad?

Yes. As do all Purdue University students, minors in LALS will have an array of study abroad options that can satisfy required courses for the minor. The program will offer integrated study abroad options that are a part of courses that will be developed specifically for LALS.

With whom do I speak if I have more questions?

If there are more questions, please contact Prof. Antonio D. Tillis, Director, at 494-9754 or via email at tillis@purdue.edu.

LATIN AMERICAN AND LATINO STUDIES MINOR 15 Credit Hours

A. Required Course(s) 3 Credit Hours

___ IDIS 250 - Introduction to Latin American and Latino Studies

B. Literary and Cultural Studies 6 Credit Hours

- ___ SPAN 235 - Spanish American Literature in Translation
- ___ SPAN 241 - Introduction to the Study of Hispanic Literature
- ___ SPAN 330 - Spanish and Latin American Cinema
- ___ SPAN 335 - The Literature of the Spanish-Speaking Peoples in the United States
- ___ SPAN 341 - Hispanic Literature I: Poetry and Drama
- ___ SPAN 342 - Hispanic Literature II: Prose
- ___ SPAN 549 - Hispanic Women Writers
- ___ SPAN 550 - Spanish American Literature of the Colonial Period
- ___ SPAN 551 - Spanish American Literature of the Nineteenth Century
- ___ SPAN 552 - Spanish American Literature from 1900 to 1970
- ___ SPAN 553 - Spanish American Literature from 1970 to the Present
- ___ SPAN 554 - Survey of Hispanic Caribbean Literature
- ___ SPAN 555 - Chicano and Puerto Rican Writers
- ___ SPAN 556 - Mexican Literature
- ___ SPAN 557 - Argentine Literature
- ___ PTGS 241 - Introduction to the Study of Luso-Brazilian Literature
- ___ PTGS 330 - Brazilian, Portuguese and African Cinema
- ___ PTGS 551 - Brazilian Poetry
- ___ PTGS 555 - Brazilian Drama
- ___ PTGS 557 - Brazilian Fiction

C. History, Philosophy and Social Sciences 6 Credit Hours

- ___ ANTH 311- The Archaeology of the Ancient Andes
- ___ ANTH 378- Archaeology and Cultural Anthropology of Mesoamerica
- ___ HIST 271 - Latin American History To 1824
- ___ HIST 272 - Latin American History From 1824
- ___ HIST 366 - Hispanic Heritage of the United States
- ___ HIST 427 - History of Spain and Portugal
- ___ HIST 472 - History of Mexico
- ___ HIST 475 - The Spanish Frontier in North America
- ___ HIST 576 - Problems in Latin American History
- ___ HIST 577 - Contemporary Latin America
- ___ IDIS 350 - Political Economy of Latin America
- ___ POL 231 - Introduction to United States Foreign Policy
- ___ POL 347 - Introduction to Latin American Politics
- ___ POL 434 - US, Central America and the Caribbean

Before completion of this minor, the student must establish advanced oral and written proficiency in Spanish or Portuguese. Proficiency may be established by receiving credit from the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures for Spanish or Portuguese through the 202-level, either through actual course work or through the Foreign Language Placement Exam.

Latin American and Latino Studies minors must also earn an overall GPA of 2.67 or better in courses taken within the minor. Credits for a student's major cannot be double-counted towards this minor.