

MINOR IN LATIN AMERICAN AND LATINX STUDIES

Program Learning Outcomes for the Minor in Latin American and Latinx Studies

Upon completing the minor in Latin American and Latinx Studies, students will be able to:

1. Demonstrate familiarity with interdisciplinary area studies research.
2. Interpret the historical, cultural, and political dynamics that comprise a specific region selected by the student for in-depth study.
3. Apply critical perspectives on legacies and ongoing forces that are local and global in scope from the field of Latin American and Latinx Studies.

Requirements for the Minor in Latin American and Latinx Studies

Students pursuing the minor in Latin American and Latinx Studies must complete:

- A minimum of 6 courses (18 credit hours) to satisfy minor requirements.
- A minimum of 4 courses (12 credit hours) taken at the 300-level or above.
- A maximum of 2 courses (6 credit hours) from study abroad or transfer credit. For additional departmental guidelines regarding transfer credit, see the [Policies](#) (p. 3) tab.

While taking courses in a language other than English is not required for the minor, study abroad and coursework in languages spoken in Latin American and Latinx communities other than English are highly encouraged (e.g. Spanish, Portuguese, French, or Indigenous languages).

The courses listed below satisfy the requirements for this minor. In certain instances, courses not on this official list may be substituted upon approval of the minor’s academic advisor, or where applicable, the Program Director. (Course substitutions must be formally applied and entered into Degree Works by the minor’s [Official Certifier](https://registrar.rice.edu/facstaff/degreeworks/officialcertifier/) (<https://registrar.rice.edu/facstaff/degreeworks/officialcertifier/>)). Students and their academic advisors should identify and clearly document the courses to be taken.

Summary

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Total Credit Hours Required for the Minor in Latin American and Latinx Studies		18

Minor Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Core Requirement		
LALX 158 / SPAN 158	INTRODUCTION TO LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES	3
Elective Requirements ¹		

Select 1 course at the 200-level (or above) from department approved electives (see course list below)	3
Select 4 courses at the 300-level (or above) from department approved electives (see course list below)	12
Total Credit Hours	18

Footnotes and Additional Information

¹ Of the 6 courses (18 credit hours) required for the minor, a minimum of 4 courses (12 credit hours) must be taken at the 300-level or above. Please note that not all courses listed to fulfill requirements will be offered every academic year. Courses at the 100-level will not fulfill minor requirements.

Course List to Satisfy Requirements

Elective Requirements

Students must complete a total of 5 courses (15 credit hours) from the following department approved electives. At least 4 courses (12 credit hours) must be taken at the 300-level or above. 1 course (3 credit hours) may be taken at the 200-level (or above). Courses at the 100-level will not fulfill minor requirements.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Department Approved Electives - School of Humanities		
ARTS 240	BLACK LATINX IN REGGAETON & HIP-HOP. BLACKNESS, FEMINISMS, AND PERFORMANCE	3
EDUC 304	RACE, CLASS, GENDER IN EDUCATION	3
ENGL 369 / SWGS 329	THE AMERICAN WEST AND ITS OTHERS	3
ENGL 371 / SPAN 396 / SWGS 354	CHICANO/A LITERATURE	3
ENST 301	ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE	3
ENST 311	TOPICS IN ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE	3
FREN 313	THE FRANCOPHONE WORLD	3
FREN 433	FRENCH CARIBBEAN ECOCRITICISM	3
FREN 478 / ARCR 478	THE FRENCH CARIBBEAN	3
HART 265	A VISUAL CULTURE TRAVELOGUE: ART AND POLITICS IN MODERN LATIN AMERICA	3
HART 302	FROM THE SUBLIME TO THE SUSTAINABLE: ART, ARCHITECTURE AND NATURE	3
HART 315	ART AND ACTIVISM: CREATIVE PROTESTS IN THE 20TH CENTURY AMERICAS	3
HART 375 / ARCH 375	LATIN-EUROPE/LATIN-AMERICA: THE AESTHETICS AND POLITICS OF MODERN CITIES	3
HART 465	LATIN AMERICAN BODIES: ON MODERNISM	3
HIST 176	MEXICO: AN INTRODUCTION	3
HIST 188	THE ATLANTIC WORLD: ORIGINS TO THE AGE OF REVOLUTION	3
HIST 215	BLACKS IN THE AMERICAS	3
HIST 220	MEXICO: 1910 TO PRESENT	3

HIST 221	UNITED STATES AND LATIN AMERICAN RELATIONS	3	SPAN 384	LITERATURES FROM THE SOUTHERN CONE	3
HIST 227	LATIN AMERICAN CULTURAL TRADITIONS	3	SPAN 390 / SWGS 390	HISPANIC CINEMA	3
HIST 228	MODERN LATIN AMERICA	3	SPAN 391	CARIBBEAN LITERATURE	3
HIST 239	NATIVE AMERICAN HISTORY: FROM EUROPEAN CONTACT TO THE ERA OF REMOVAL	3	SPAN 392 / FILM 339 / HART 304	A REVOLUTION FROM WITHIN: TRENDS IN CONTEMPORARY CUBAN CULTURE	3
HIST 312	ENVIRONMENT, MEDICINE AND PUBLIC HEALTH IN LATIN AMERICA	3	SPAN 402	THE CITY IN LATIN AMERICA	3
HIST 328	POVERTY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE IN LATIN AMERICA	3	SPAN 403	LITERATURE AND THE ENVIRONMENT IN LATIN AMERICA	3
HIST 330	ATLANTIC SLAVE TRADE AND THE ORIGINS OF AFRO AMERICA	3	SPAN 405	LATIN AMERICAN LITERATURE IN THE MOVIES	3
HIST 331	THE HISTORICAL CONTEXT OF THE CUBAN REVOLUTION	3	SPAN 406	LATIN AMERICAN CINEMA	3
HIST 366 / ARCH 366	RIO DE JANEIRO: A SOCIAL AND ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY	3	SPAN 436	LINGUISTIC AND COGNITIVE CONCEPTUALIZATIONS: TENSE AND ASPECT	3
HIST 420	MEXICAN HISTORY	3	SPAN 451	WITNESSING, TRUTH & TRAUMA: TESTIMONIAL WRITING IN MEXICO & CENTRAL AMERICA	3
HIST 421	RACE, EDUCATION AND SOCIETY IN THE URBAN SOUTH	3	SPAN 453	BORDER NARRATIVES	3
HIST 429	BORDERLANDS HISTORY	3	SPAN 456 / SWGS 466	LATIN AMERICAN WOMEN'S CULTURE	3
HIST 478	TOPICS IN LATIN AMERICAN HISTORY	3	SPAN 462		3
LALX 238	SPECIAL TOPICS	1-4	SPAN 491	DIRECTED RESEARCH	3
LALX 251 / HIST 251	CONTINUITIES AND CHANGES IN BRAZILIAN HISTORY	3	Code	Title	Credit Hours
LALX 330	SUBVERSIVE STORYTELLING IN LATINX TV & FILM	3	Department Approved Electives - School of Social Sciences		
LALX 332	WRITING TO HEAL: U.S. LATINE NARRATIVES ON MENTAL HEALTH	3	ANTH 290	HISTORY AND ETHNOGRAPHY	3
LALX 350	PIRATES, REBELS, NARCOS: LATIN AMERICAN OUTLAWS IN THE POLITICAL-CULTURAL IMAGINATION	3	ANTH 361	LATIN AMERICAN TOPICS	3
LALX 360	LATINX POETICS: SENSING & (MIS)REPRESENTING LATINX STUDIES	3	ANTH 392	KINGS, QUEENS, AND COMMONERS: THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF ANCIENT MESOAMERICA	3
LALX 378	LATIN AMERICAN POLITICAL THOUGHT: IDENTITY, LIBERATION, MODERNITY	3	ANTH 394	THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF SLAVERY AND THE AFRICAN DIASPORA	3
LALX 492	DIRECTED RESEARCH	3	EDUC 304	RACE, CLASS, GENDER IN EDUCATION	3
PLST 306	THE RIVER AND THE WALL: LAW OF BORDERS AND MIGRATION	3	LING 419	MULTILINGUALISM	3
PORT 303	BRAZIL: LITERATURE E CULTURA	3	POLI 328	LATINO POLITICS IN THE UNITED STATES	3
PORT 331	BRASIL ATUAL	3	POLI 330	RACE, ETHNICITY, AND POLITICS IN AMERICA	3
SPAN 328	GAZING AT DISASTER: VISUAL CULTURE AND CATASTROPHE IN LATIN AMERICA	3	POLI 352	THE POLITICS AND CULTURE OF MEXICO	3
SPAN 333	CURRENT HEALTHCARE ISSUES IN LATINE COMMUNITIES	3	POLI 354	LATIN AMERICAN POLITICS	3
SPAN 343	ART IN LATIN AMERICAN LITERATURE	3	POLI 450	ELECTIONS IN THE AMERICAS	3
SPAN 344	MAPPING LATIN AMERICAN CULTURE	3	POLI 459	SEX, GENDER, AND POLITICAL REPRESENTATION IN LATIN AMERICA	3
SPAN 356	RACE, GENDER, CLASS, & ENVIRONMENT IN CENTRAL AMERICAN CULTURES	3	SOCI 301	SOCIAL INEQUALITY	3
SPAN 368	LATIN AMERICAN SHORT FICTION	3	SOCI 309	RACE AND ETHNIC RELATIONS	3
SPAN 370	DISABLED BODIES: ILLNESS AND LITERATURE IN LATIN AMERICA	3	SOCI 340	SOCIOLOGY OF IMMIGRATION	3
SPAN 373	TWENTIETH CENTURY MEXICAN NOVEL	3			
SPAN 376	THE MEXICAN REVOLUTION IN LITERATURE, MUSIC AND VISUAL ARTS	3			
SPAN 383	SPANISH CREATIVE WRITING	3			

Policies for the Minor in Latin American and Latinx Studies

Program Restrictions and Exclusions

Students pursuing the minor in Latin American and Latinx Studies should be aware of the following program restriction:

- As noted in [Majors, Minors, and Certificates](https://ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/academic-opportunities/majors-minors-certificates/) (<https://ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/academic-opportunities/majors-minors-certificates/>), i.) students may declare their intent to pursue a minor only after they have first declared a major, and ii.) students may not major and minor in the same subject.

Transfer Credit

For Rice University's policy regarding transfer credit, see [Transfer Credit](https://ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/academic-policies-procedures/transfer-credit/) (<https://ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/academic-policies-procedures/transfer-credit/>). Some departments and programs have additional restrictions on transfer credit. The Office of Academic Advising maintains the university's official list of [transfer credit advisors](https://oaa.rice.edu/advising-network/transfer-credit-advisors/) (<https://oaa.rice.edu/advising-network/transfer-credit-advisors/>) on their website: <https://oaa.rice.edu>. Students are encouraged to meet with their academic program's transfer credit advisor when considering transfer credit possibilities.

Departmental Transfer Credit Guidelines

Students pursuing the minor in Latin American and Latinx Studies should be aware of the following departmental transfer credit guidelines:

- No more than 2 courses (6 credit hours) of transfer credit from U.S. or international universities of similar standing as Rice may apply towards the minor.
- Requests for transfer credit will be considered by the departmental Director of Undergraduate Studies (and/or the program's official transfer credit advisor) on an individual case-by-case basis.
- Courses taken at another university must be equivalent in required reading, writing, research and testing, as well as classroom hours, of a Rice course. Regarding subject matter, however, there does not have to be an equivalent course in the Rice course offerings, unless the student requires distribution credit.
- Rice students planning to study at a foreign university must also obtain pre-approval from the Rice Study Abroad Office.
- Transfer credit received via the articulation of approved exam credit, such as advanced placement (AP) credit, international baccalaureate (IB) credit, or A-level credit will not be considered towards minor requirements.

Distribution Credit Information

The determination of distribution credit eligibility is done initially as part of the [new course creation process](https://registrar.rice.edu/facstaff/courseprocess/) (<https://registrar.rice.edu/facstaff/courseprocess/>). Additionally, as part of an [annual roll call](https://registrar.rice.edu/facstaff/distribution_credit/) (https://registrar.rice.edu/facstaff/distribution_credit/) coordinated each Spring by the Office of the Registrar, course distribution credit eligibility is routinely reviewed and reaffirmed by the Dean's Offices of each of the academic schools.

Faculty and leadership in the academic schools are responsible for ensuring that the courses identified as distribution-credit-eligible meet the criteria as set in the [General Announcements](https://ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/academic-policies-procedures/graduation-requirements/#text) (<https://ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/academic-policies-procedures/graduation-requirements/#text>). Students are responsible for ensuring that they meet [graduation requirements](https://ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/academic-policies-procedures/graduation-requirements/#text) (<https://ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/academic-policies-procedures/graduation-requirements/#text>) by completing coursework designated as distribution-credit-eligible at the time of course registration.

[students/academic-policies-procedures/graduation-requirements/#text](https://ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/academic-policies-procedures/graduation-requirements/#text) by completing coursework designated as distribution-credit-eligible at the time of course registration.

Distribution courses from the Department of Modern and Classical Literatures and Cultures are broad in theme and scope and provide students with a substantial inquiry into literature, art, media, history, thought, and/or politics, including specific national traditions, linguistic contexts, and historical periods. Such courses involve a broad and often interdisciplinary spectrum of knowledge, providing students with the tools for thinking critically about the formation of modern culture, its colonial past, and its national and linguistic traditions from antiquity to the present.

Additional Information

For additional information, please see the Modern and Classical Literatures and Cultures website: <https://cultures.rice.edu> ([https://cultures.rice.edu/](https://cultures.rice.edu))

Opportunities for the Minor in Latin American and Latinx Studies

Academic Honors

The university recognizes academic excellence achieved over an undergraduate's academic history at Rice. For information on university honors, please see [Latin Honors](https://ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/honors-distinctions/university/) (<https://ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/honors-distinctions/university/>) (*summa cum laude*, *magna cum laude*, and *cum laude*) and [Distinction in Research and Creative Work](https://ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/honors-distinctions/university/) (<https://ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/honors-distinctions/university/>). Some departments have department-specific Honors awards or designations.

Additional Information

For additional information, please see the Modern and Classical Literatures and Cultures website: <https://cultures.rice.edu> ([https://cultures.rice.edu/](https://cultures.rice.edu))

See <https://humanities.rice.edu/student-life> (<https://humanities.rice.edu/student-life/>) for tables of fellowships, prizes, and internships/practica that may be relevant to this minor.