The Ohio State University
College of Arts and Sciences

Latino/a Studies Minor (LLSTDS-MN)

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The minor in Latino/a Studies explores the social, cultural and historical realities facing Latinos/as residing in the United States as well as how such realities interface with those of Central and Latin America and the Hispanophone Caribbean. The minor attends to all variety of cultural phenomena as well as social and historical event in the Americas that inform the shaping of a pan-Latino identity and experience.

The minor in Latino/a Studies requires 25 credit hours and draws upon course work in several departments and colleges. Students must choose one of the 3 focus areas (Culture and Literature; History; and Social Issues) which are comprised of a minor core, a focus core course and 15 elective hours. Minor course work may overlap with the GEC where appropriate.

*Courses marked with an asterisk have variable topics. Syllabi for these courses need approval from the minor coordinator to count on the minor.

Choose one focus area to complete the minor:

**Culture, Literature and Arts Focus**
Students choosing this area will focus their coursework on the various forms of creative expressions that have emerged from the U.S. Latina/o community: literature, film, art, dance, theater, music, comic books, and more. This might also occasion the exploration of Latina/o cultural phenomena as it interfaces with that arising out of communities in the Americas generally. Students will explore just how such Latina/o cultural making and engaging is a means of creative expression as well as a potential vehicle for social transformation.

**Core course:** Comp Studies 242: Intro to Latino/a Studies

**Students choose one course from the following:**
Comparative Studies 544
English 367.01, 581*
Spanish 557
Women’s Studies 367.02

**Students choose 3 courses from the following:**
Comparative Studies 205*, 367.04, 544
English 367.01, 578*, 581*
Spanish 330, 331*, 380, 557
Women’s Studies 367.02, 375, 367.02, 560

**History Focus**
This focus area will situate Latina/o history on the border between U.S. and Latin American history. Students will learn about the experiences of communities who had been rendered invisible by canonical histories in the U.S. and Latin America. Moreover, they will learn new methodologies for historical research and gain a greater understanding of the relationship between history and power.

**Core course:** Comp Studies 242: Intro to Latino/a Studies

**Students choose one course from the following:**
History 324, 577.01, 577.02

**Students choose 3 courses from the following:**
Arts and Sciences 640*
Comparative Studies 367.04
History 324, 577.01, 557.02, 598*
Sociology 380
Women’s Studies 340, 367.02, 560

**Social Issues Focus**
The emphasis of this focus area will be the current issues affecting the Latina/o population in the U.S. These social issues (that stretch across the Americas) may include, though are not limited to, immigration, educational policy, language, labor, voting trends, etc. Classes will require students to analyze current media reports about the contemporary state of affairs in the Latina/o community and place these reports within a broader historical backdrop.

**Core course:** Comp Studies 242: Intro to Latino/a Studies

**Students choose one course from the following:**
African American & African Studies 545
Comparative Studies 243*, 367.04, 545 (cross-listed with AAAS 545)
Women’s Studies 340, 560

**Students choose 3 courses for the following:**
African American & African Studies 545, 595
Anthropology 421.06
Arts and Sciences 640*
Comparative Studies 243*, 367.04, 545 (cross-listed with AAAS 545)
Spanish 640, 660
Women’s Studies 340, 545, 560

**Arts and Sciences minor program guidelines**
The following guidelines govern minors.

**Required for graduation**
No

**Credit hours required**
A minimum of 20

**Transfer credit hours allowed**
A maximum of 10

**Overlap with the GEC**
Permitted, unless specifically disallowed by an individual minor program.

**Overlap between minors**
Each minor completed must contain 20 unique hours.

**100-level course work**
For every five credit hours of 100-level course work on the minor, the minimum total required for the minor is increased by five.

**Grades required**

- Minimum C- for a course to be listed on the minor.
- Minimum 2.00 cumulative point-hour ratio required for the minor.

**Course work graded Pass/Non-Pass cannot count on the minor.**

**Approval required**
The minor program description sheet indicates if the minor course work must be approved by:

- The academic unit offering the minor, or
- A college/school counselor.

**Filing the minor program form**
The minor program form must be filed at least by the time the graduation application is submitted to a college/school counselor.

**Changing the minor**
Once the minor program is filed in the college office, any changes must be approved by:

- The academic unit offering the minor, or
- A college/school counselor (depending on the minor).

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