The Ohio State University  
College of Art and Sciences  

Latina/o Studies Minor (LLSTDS-MN)

Latina/o Studies Program  
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Latinas/os are multi-racial, multi-ethnic, multi-lingual, and often trans-national. Latinas/os have been a part of the U.S. since the nineteenth century. The Latina/o Studies Minor allows students to deepen knowledge of Latina/o experiences (social, economic, legal, etc.), histories, literatures, cultures, and arts; enhance critical learning skills; learn comparative and interdisciplinary methods of analysis; and develop close working relationships with faculty and other students. Courses in the Latina/o Studies Minor explore a variety of important topics relevant to this growing sector of the U.S. population and its hemispheric and global dimensions.

As an inter-discipline, we encourage students to study in multiple fields for the most comprehensive understanding of:  
- Latinas/os in the U.S.  
- the research field of Latina/o Studies  
- varied methods and approaches employed in studying Latinas/os in the U.S.  
- Latina/o transnational and global impacts and networks.

The Minor in Latina/o Studies, therefore, also provides students with an education in multiple disciplines and cutting-edge research.

Requirements: 12 Credits

Required Core Course, 3 Credits: Comparative Studies 2322 / Spanish 2242: Introduction to Latina/o Studies (generally offered every semester)

Required Elective Courses, 9 Credits: Students choose three additional courses from the list below. Students must take at least one course in each of the two general subject areas: Culture, Literature, and Arts; History and Social Issues. Please see “Current Courses” page of our website to see what is offered in the current academic year. Courses marked with an asterisk (*) have variable topics and instructors. When a Latina/o Studies affiliated faculty member is teaching an asterisked course, it will generally count for the Minor; otherwise, syllabi for these courses need approval from Faculty Coordinator to count for Minor.

Required Spread: At least two courses or 6 hours of coursework in the Minor must be in Upper Division courses:  
i.e., (1) courses numbered 3000-5000 and (2) foreign language courses taught in the language at the 2000 level and above,

Language Option: Students may count only one course in Spanish language instruction toward the Minor, although all possible options are listed below in elective list.

Additional Course Options: Students or Faculty may petition the Faculty Coordinator to include a course in the Minor course of study provided that they supply a syllabus for approval.

Subject Area: Culture, Literature, Arts

Courses in this area will explore various forms of creative expressions that have emerged from the U.S. Latina/o community in literature, film, art, dance, theater, music, performance, and popular culture. Courses may also explore Latina/o cultural phenomena as they interface with those arising out of communities in the Americas generally. Students will learn the methods of literary, cultural, and artistic analysis, and consider creative expression as well as a vehicle for social transformation.

Lower Division Courses

*Comparative Studies 2101: Literature and Society
*Comparative Studies 2105: Literature and Ethnicity
Comparative Studies 2367.02: Second Year Writing Course on Latina/o Identity
*Comparative Studies 2798.01: Study Tour Domestic Spanish 2202: Intermediate Spanish for Second Language Learners
Spanish 2213: Spanish IV for Heritage Speakers
Spanish 2504/Communications Studies 2704: Language, Culture, and Communication in Latino Health
WGSST 2367.02: U.S. Latina Writers: Texts and Context

Upper Division Courses

*Anthropology 3416: Latin American Peoples and Cultures
*Anthropology 5193.06 Individual Studies: Ethnography
Comparative Studies 3689: Transnationalism and Culture in the Americas
Comparative Studies 4804 / English 4588: Latina/o Literature and Culture (may be repeated once)
Comparative Studies 4805: Literature in the Americas
*English 3364: Special Topics in Popular Culture
*English 4581: Special Topics in U.S. Ethnic Literatures
English 4588 / Comparative Studies 4804: Latina/o Literature and Culture (may be repeated once)
Spanish 3403: Advanced Spanish for Second Language Learners
Spanish 3413: Advanced Spanish for Heritage Speakers
Spanish 4557: Survey of Latina/o Literature in the U.S. (taught in Spanish)
*Spanish 5640: Globalization and Latin America: Multidisciplinary Approaches (taught in English)
*Women’s, Gender and Sexuality Studies 4375: Women and Visual Culture
*Women’s, Gender and Sexuality Studies 4540: Women of Color: Art, Literature, and Culture
Subject Area: History and Social Issues

Courses in this area will explore the historical and current experiences of communities who have been understudied in traditional academic disciplines. Students will learn the methodologies of history and social sciences, study the relationship between history and power, and consider contemporary social issues that may include, though are not limited to, immigration, educational policy, language, labor, voting trends, etc.

Lower Division Courses

History 2075: Survey of U.S. Latina/o History
*History 2750: Natives & Newcomers: Immigration and U.S. Migration
Spanish 2389: Spanish in the U.S.: Language as Social Action
Women’s, Gender and Sexuality Studies 2340: Latina Experience in the U.S.

Upper Division Courses

City and Regional Planning / Spanish 4461: Latino Urbanism and the Reinvention of the American City
Comparative Studies 4921: Intersections: Approaches to Race, Gender, Class, and Sexuality (cross-listed with AAAS 4921 and WGSS 4921)
*Education: Teaching and Learning 5225: Reading Multicultural Literature Across Middle Childhood Curriculum
Education: Teaching and Learning 5300: Issues in Language, Literacy, and Culture/Equity and Diversity
History 3075: Mexican American and Chicana/o History
International Studies 4451: Immigration Politics Through Film
Political Science 4940: The Politics of Immigration
Spanish 5389: U.S. Latino Languages and Communities (taught in English and Spanish)
*Women’s, Gender and Sexuality Studies 4405 Race and Sexuality
*Women’s, Gender and Sexuality Studies 4510: Women’s Movements in the Americas
*Women’s, Gender and Sexuality Studies 4520: Women of Color and Social Activism
Women’s, Gender and Sexuality Studies 4560: Chicana Feminism

Students may also petition to have courses approved that are not listed on the Latino/a Studies minor.

Latina/o Studies minor program guidelines

The following guidelines govern minors:

Required for graduation No

Credit hours required A minimum of 12 credit hrs. 1000 level courses shall not be counted toward the 12 credit hr minimum. At least 6 credit hours must be upper-level courses as defined by the College of Arts and Sciences.

Transfer and EM credit hours allowed A student is permitted to count up to 6 total hours of transfer credit and/or credit by examination.

Overlap with the GE A student is permitted to overlap up to 6 credit hours between the GE and the minor.

Overlap with the major and additional minors

* The minor must be in a different subject than the major.
* The minor must contain a minimum of 12 hours distinct from the major and/or additional minor(s).

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.
* No more than 3 credit hours of coursework graded Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory may count toward the minor.

X193 credits No more than 3 credit hours.

Approval required The minor course work must be approved by the ASC Academic Advisor.

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 ASC Academic Advisor.

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