

GOALS FOR THE MINOR

The Student Learning Outcomes for the Latin American Studies Minor are as follows:

Knowledge

- Demonstrate knowledge of the historical and cultural forces that have shaped Latin America.
- Demonstrate knowledge of current social, cultural, and political topics, e.g., health, religion, sustainability, economics.
- Demonstrate knowledge of Latin America in a comparative context (e.g., in a U.S. or global context).

Skills

- Communicate in Spanish at an intermediate level (reading knowledge or comprehension).
- Use knowledge and interdisciplinary perspectives to critically examine Latin American issues.

Attitudes

- Reflect on and critically engage with the cultural diversity of Latin America.
- Understand the artistic, religious, and cultural traditions and practices of Latin America.



INFORMATION:

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LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES MINOR

POLICIES:

This minor requires that students take a minimum of eight credits at Edgewood College.



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LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES

The Latin American Studies Minor offers students the opportunity for an interdisciplinary study of the social, cultural, political, and economic traditions and contemporary realities of Latin American countries and peoples. It draws on faculty expertise from disciplines like art, biology, economics, nursing, political science, religious studies, music, sociology, and Spanish language and culture. Students will develop broad knowledge through courses offered in several disciplines or programs, as well as language training. The minor is appropriate for students in any major who want a complementary concentration in the region. It provides excellent preparation for professional careers, graduate studies, and personal enrichment.



REQUIREMENTS FOR MINOR

A minimum of 20 credits is required.

Required Courses:

- GS 111 (G) Introduction to Latin American Studies. 4 crs.
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- Intermediate Spanish/Portuguese Language 4 credits (Spanish 202 GL Fourth Semester Spanish or show equivalent proficiency. Since Edgewood doesn't offer Portuguese, students must transfer in a fourth semester college course or show equivalent proficiency. Spanish majors/minors need one 300-level language class).

Interdisciplinary Electives:

A minimum of 3 courses (12 credits minimum*) chosen from the following:

- ART 352/MUS 352 (2DG) Mexican and Mexican-American Art, Music & Culture: The Development of Ethnic Identities
- BIO 369 (2EG) Special Topics: Biology Travel Course (Costa Rica, Galapagos) (4 cr.)
- ECON 310A (G) Special Topics: Development & Social Policy in Modern Mexico
- ENVS 330 (2EG) Sustainability: Global – Local Connections
- GS 115 (1G) Many Mexicos
- GS 211 Latin American Women
- LAS/GS 380-381; HI 305-405 (2G) El Salvador: The Land & the People
- MUS 108 (AG) Latin American Music (3 cr.)
- PS 380 (GJ) Politics of Latin America
- RS 307 (2GR) Liberation Theologies in Latin America
- SOC 377 & 378 / ETHS 480 E & F (2DG) Bridging Borders: U.S./Mexican Immigration & Interdependency

*Students (e.g., native or heritage speakers) who show language proficiency without ever taking a language class at Edgewood will need 16 credits of elective.



Spanish majors/minors can take one of the following courses in the Spanish Program, to count as an Interdisciplinary Elective for the Latin American Studies Minor:

- SPAN 332 Latin American Civilization
- SPAN 437 (CG) Latin American Literature
- SPAN 380 Special Topics: México ayer y hoy
- SPAN 480 (DG) Special Topics: Immigration and Social Change
- SPAN 433 Contemporary Culture (depending on topic)
- SPAN 336 (G) Film and Society
- SPAN 438 (CG) Contemporary Literature (depending on topic).
- Other approved courses.

With pre-approval, students may use study abroad courses to partially fulfill the Minor.

Students may also take pre-approved UW courses through the Collaborative Program.

