

# 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. 2) 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
<b>Core Requirement</b>		
LALX 158 / SPAN 158	INTRODUCTION TO LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES	3
<b>Elective Requirements</b> <sup>1</sup>		

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
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>	<b>18</b>

### Footnotes and Additional Information

<sup>1</sup> 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
<b>Department Approved Electives - School of Humanities</b>		
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
FREN 313	MAJOR LITERARY WORKS AND ARTIFACTS OF THE FRANCOPHONE WORLD	3
FREN 433	FRENCH CARIBBEAN ECOCRITICISM	3
FREN 478 / ARCR 478	THE CARIBBEAN IN FRENCH	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 227	LATIN AMERICAN CULTURAL TRADITIONS	3
HIST 228	MODERN LATIN AMERICA	3

HIST 239	NATIVE AMERICAN HISTORY: FROM EUROPEAN CONTACT TO THE ERA OF REMOVAL	3	SPAN 462	BOOM-BOOM-CRACK: LATIN AMERICAN NOVEL	3
HIST 328	POVERTY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE IN LATIN AMERICA	3	SPAN 491	DIRECTED RESEARCH	3
HIST 330	ATLANTIC SLAVE TRADE AND THE ORIGINS OF AFRO AMERICA	3			
HIST 331	THE HISTORICAL CONTEXT OF THE CUBAN REVOLUTION	3	<b>Code</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Credit Hours</b>
HIST 366 / ARCH 366	RIO DE JANEIRO: A SOCIAL AND ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY	3	<b>Department Approved Electives - School of Social Sciences</b>		
HIST 420	MEXICAN HISTORY	3	ANTH 290	HISTORY AND ETHNOGRAPHY	3
HIST 421	RACE, EDUCATION AND SOCIETY IN THE URBAN SOUTH	3	ANTH 361	LATIN AMERICAN TOPICS	3
HIST 478	TOPICS IN LATIN AMERICAN HISTORY	3	ANTH 392	KINGS, QUEENS, AND COMMONERS: THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF ANCIENT MESOAMERICA	3
LALX 251 / HIST 251	CONTINUITIES AND CHANGES IN BRAZILIAN HISTORY	3	ANTH 394	THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF SLAVERY AND THE AFRICAN DIASPORA	3
LALX 350	PIRATES, REBELS, NARCOS: LATIN AMERICAN OUTLAWS IN THE POLITICAL-CULTURAL IMAGINATION	3	EDUC 304	RACE, CLASS, GENDER IN EDUCATION	3
LALX 378	LATIN AMERICAN POLITICAL THOUGHT: IDENTITY, LIBERATION, MODERNITY	3	LING 419	MULTILINGUALISM	3
LALX 492	DIRECTED RESEARCH	3	POLI 328	LATINO POLITICS IN THE UNITED STATES	3
SPAN 343	ART IN LATIN AMERICAN LITERATURE	3	POLI 330	MINORITY POLITICS	3
SPAN 344	MAPPING LATIN AMERICAN CULTURE	3	POLI 352	THE POLITICS AND CULTURE OF MEXICO	3
SPAN 356	RACE, GENDER, CLASS, & ENVIRONMENT IN CENTRAL AMERICAN CULTURES	3	POLI 354	LATIN AMERICAN POLITICS	3
SPAN 368	LATIN AMERICAN SHORT FICTION	3	POLI 450	ELECTIONS IN THE AMERICAS	3
SPAN 370	DISABLED BODIES: ILLNESS AND LITERATURE IN LATIN AMERICA	3	POLI 459	SEX, GENDER, AND POLITICAL REPRESENTATION IN LATIN AMERICA	3
SPAN 373	TWENTIETH CENTURY MEXICAN NOVEL	3	SOCI 301	SOCIAL INEQUALITY	3
SPAN 376	THE MEXICAN REVOLUTION IN LITERATURE, MUSIC AND VISUAL ARTS	3	SOCI 309	RACE AND ETHNIC RELATIONS	3
SPAN 383	SPANISH CREATIVE WRITING	3	SOCI 340	SOCIOLOGY OF IMMIGRATION	3
SPAN 384	LITERATURES FROM THE SOUTHERN CONE	3			
SPAN 390 / SWGS 390	HISPANIC CINEMA	3			
SPAN 391	CARIBBEAN LITERATURE	3			
SPAN 392 / FILM 339 / HART 304	A REVOLUTION FROM WITHIN: TRENDS IN CONTEMPORARY CUBAN CULTURE	3			
SPAN 402	THE CITY IN LATIN AMERICA	3			
SPAN 403	LITERATURE AND THE ENVIRONMENT IN LATIN AMERICA	3			
SPAN 405	LATIN AMERICAN LITERATURE IN THE MOVIES	3			
SPAN 406	LATIN AMERICAN CINEMA	3			
SPAN 451	WITNESSING, TRUTH & TRAUMA: TESTIMONIAL WRITING IN MEXICO & CENTRAL AMERICA	3			
SPAN 453	BORDER NARRATIVES	3			
SPAN 456 / SWGS 466	LATIN AMERICAN WOMEN'S CULTURE	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 coursework received via the articulation of AP, IB 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/](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.

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.

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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.