LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN STUDIES

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The major in Latin American and Caribbean Studies stresses knowledge of a dynamic, historically deep and extensive region, but it also focuses on social, political, and cultural phenomena that transcend physical boundaries. The major thus reflects multidisciplinary dialogues that are transnational yet remain anchored in the common historical experience of Latin American societies. Thanks to the broad range of courses on Latin America offered in different departments of instruction and centers at Columbia, the major provides a multidisciplinary training on politics, history, culture, economy and society.

The Institute of Latin American Studies coordinates the major and offers access to research support, study abroad options, and linkages and credits toward the M.A. program in Latin American and Caribbean studies.

Guidelines for all Latin American and Caribbean Studies Majors and Concentrators

Declaring the Major or Concentration

For additional information on Latin American and Caribbean Studies, please visit the Institute’s website or contact Eliza Kwon-Ahn, Senior Manager of Business & Student Affairs, at ek2159@columbia.edu. Please note: major and concentration requirements were updated November, 2019.

Major in Latin American and Caribbean Studies

The major requires a minimum of 31 points as follows:

Select five of the following fourteen courses. One of these courses must be Latin American Civilization I (HIST UN2660), Latin American Civilization II (HIST UN2661) or Primary Texts in Latin American Civilization (LACV UN1020):

CLEN GU4644 Revolution in/on the Caribbean
HIST UN1786 History of the City in Latin America
HIST UN2618 The Modern Caribbean
HIST UN2660 Latin American Civilization I
HIST UN2661 LATIN AMERICAN CIVILIZATION II
HIST BC2664 Reproducing Inequalities: Families in Latin American History
HIST BC2676 Latin America: Migration, Race, and Ethnicity
HIST BC2681 Women and Gender in Latin America

HIST GU4301 Politics and Justice in Latin America through Crime Fiction
LACV UN1020 Primary Texts of Latin American Civilization
POLS UN3560 Politics of Urban Development in Latin America
POLS UN3565 Drugs and Politics in the Americas
POLS GU4461 Latin American Politics
SPAN UN3300 Advanced Language through Content [in Spanish]

*** The SPAN UN3300 section taken for the Major must focus on Latin America. Please contact the ILAS Student Affairs Coordinator for details.

Language Requirement

Select one course on Spanish, Portuguese, or an indigenous language at the intermediate or advanced level; if students can demonstrate advance knowledge of one of these languages, they can replace this course with an area studies course.

Discipline of Choice

Select four courses in a discipline or theme of choice with substantive focus on Latin America. One of these courses must be a seminar. All students, however, need to take at least two courses in a discipline or theme outside of their specialization. The director of undergraduate studies advises students on areas of specialization and must approve courses with substantial Latin American or Caribbean contents not included in the list of eligible courses.

Up to 12 credits for Discipline of Choice requirement can be earned through study abroad. Students are encouraged to explore study abroad options before their junior year. Upon return, they should submit the syllabi and all coursework related to each course taken abroad for approval by the director of undergraduate studies.

Concentration in Latin American and Caribbean Studies

The concentration requires a minimum of 18 points as follows:

Select three of the following fourteen courses. One of these courses must be in Latin American Civilization I (HIST UN2660), Latin American Civilization II (HIST UN2661) or Primary Texts in Latin America (LACV UN1020):

CLEN GU4644 Revolution in/on the Caribbean
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POLS GU4461 Latin American Politics
The SPAN UN3300 section taken for the Concentration must focus on Latin America. Please contact the ILAS Student Affairs Coordinator for details.

Language Requirement
Select one course on Spanish, Portuguese, or an indigenous language at the intermediate or advanced level; if students can demonstrate advance knowledge of one of these languages, they can replace this course with an area studies course.

Discipline of Choice:
Select two courses in a discipline or theme of choice with substantive focus on Latin America. One of these courses must be a seminar. All students, however, need to take at least one course in a discipline or theme outside of their specialization. The director of undergraduate studies advises students on areas of specialization and must approve courses with substantial Latin American or Caribbean contents not included in the list of eligible courses.

Up to 6 credits for Discipline of Choice requirement can be earned through study abroad. Students are encouraged to explore study abroad options before their junior year. Upon return, they should submit the syllabi and all coursework related to each course taken abroad for approval by the director of undergraduate studies.

Of Related Interest

Africana Studies (Barnard)
AFRS BC2005 CARIBBEAN CULTURE # SOCIETIES
AFRS BC3110 THE AFRICANA COLLOQUIUM
AFRS BC3150 Race and Performance In The Caribbean
AFRS BC3562 Caribbean Sexualities

Anthropology
ANTH UN1008 The Rise of Civilization
ANTH V2009 Culture through Film and Media
ANTH V3120 Historical Rituals in Latin America
ANTH UN3921 Anticolonialism

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ANTH UN1008 The Rise of Civilization
ANTH UN3921 Anticolonialism
ANTH V3922 The Emergence of State
ANTH G4390 Borders and Boundaries

Art History
AHIS W3898 Yoruba and the Diaspora

Center for the Study of Ethnicity and Race
CSER UN3923 LATINX & ASIAN AMER MEMOR
CSER UN3924 Latin American and Latina/o Social Movements
CSER UN3926 Latin Music and Identity
CSER UN3928 Colonization/Decolonization
CSER UN3932 US Latin History
CSER UN3964 Maya Guatemala-Neoliberalism # Resistance
CSER GU4482 INDIGENOUS PEOPLES:MOVEMENT/RTS
CSER GU4483 SUBCITIZENSHIP

Economics
ECON GU4301 ECONOMIC GROWTH # DEVELOPMENT
ECON GU4750 Globalization and Its Risks (Film)

Film

History

Latin American and Caribbean Studies
HIST BC2321 Colonial Encounters: Europe and the Culture of Empire
HIST UN2660 Latin American Civilization I
HIST UN2689 COLONIAL CITIES OF THE AMERICAS, c. 1500-1800
HIST UN2661 LATIN AMERICAN CIVILIZATION II
HIST UN2663 Mexico From Revolution To Democracy
HIST BC2664 Reproducing Inequalities: Families in Latin American History
HIST UN2618 The Modern Caribbean
HIST BC2676 Latin America: Migration, Race, and Ethnicity
HIST BC2682 Modern Latin American History
HIST UN3687 LAT AMER RIGHT IN THE COLD WAR
HIST BC3870 Gender and Migration: A Global Perspective
HIST UN3928 SLAVERY/ABOLITION-ATLANTIC WRLD
HIST GU4012 HISTORY OF THE CITY IN LATIN AMERICA
HIST GU4301 Politics and Justice in Latin America through Crime Fiction
HIST GU4692 Violence in Mexico: A Historical Approach
HIST GU4696 The Social Question and State Building in Latin America

Latin American and Iberian Cultures
PORT UN2120 Comprehensive Intermediate Portuguese
SPAN UN3300 Advanced Language through Content [in Spanish]
SPAN UN3349 Hispanic Cultures I: Islamic Spain through the Colonial Period
SPAN UN3350 Hispanic Cultures II: Enlightenment to the Present
PORT UN3301 Advanced Writing and Composition in Portuguese
PORT UN3490 Brazilian Society and Civilization
SPAN UN3490 Latin American Humanities I: From Pre-Columbian Civilizations to the Creation of New Nations
SPAN UN3998 Supervised Individual Research (Spring)
PORT GU4033 Language # Queer Brazil (ENG)
PORT GU4467 Race and Decolonial Dialogues in the Americas

Latin American Civilization
LACV UN1020 Primary Texts of Latin American Civilization

Music
MUSI UN2020 Salsa, Soca, and Reggae: Popular Musics of the Caribbean
MUSI V2430 Listening and Sound in Cross-Cultural Perspective
POLS UN3002 Human Rights and Immigration
MUSI V3435 Music and Literature in Latin America

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