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About the Program
The Latin American Studies Program offers an interdisciplinary approach to the study of Latin America. The United States and the countries of Latin America have historically exerted great influence on each other and today, in the age of hyper-globalization, are more intertwined than ever before. The required gateway course to the program is Latin American Studies 100, which fulfills the Humanistic Approaches core and explores the interaction of politics and culture at national and international levels by considering the historical legacies affecting present-day Latin American societies. Drawing on courses from Art History, Business and Leadership, Hispanic Studies, History, International Political Economy, Philosophy, Politics and Government, and Sociology and Anthropology, students minoring in Latin American Studies gain an in-depth understanding of the region, past and present, through the application of different analytical tools and disciplinary perspectives. Students are encouraged to gain some experience abroad, particularly through the university’s semester abroad programs in Latin America (primarily Mexico, Argentina, and Chile). In addition, the Latin American Studies Program serves to stimulate interest and awareness at the university by sponsoring discussions, presentations, and cultural events dealing with Latin American issues.

Upon completion of the program, students should be able to do the following:
1. Understand the historical conditions and relations that shaped Latin America as a distinct regional, political, and cultural entity, and understand how that history informs contemporary relations both within the region and with other global actors;
2. Identify the central people, places, events and processes that define the region, with an emphasis on the heterogeneous, transnational nature of regional politics and culture;
3. Examine and compare conceptual and theoretical approaches that have sustained and challenged the idea of Latin America and the stakes of this idea for different communities in and beyond the region;
4. Apply diverse, interdisciplinary tools to critically evaluate and engage contemporary issues concerning Latin America;
5. Engage Latin American/Latinx culture and communities through internships and other experiential learning in the U.S. or abroad; and
6. Possess a basic competence in Spanish language.

General Requirements for the Minor
General university degree requirements stipulate that 1) three units of the minor be taken in residence at the University of Puget Sound; 2) students earn a GPA of 2.0 in courses taken for the minor; and 3) all courses taken for the minor must be taken for graded credit. Any exceptions to these stipulations are indicated in the minor degree requirements listed below.

Requirements for the Minor in Latin American Studies
1. Completion of a minimum of five units, to include:
   a. LAS 100 Latin American Studies (1 unit);
   b. One course from each of the following three categories (see lists below): Humanities, Social Sciences, and History (3 units);
   c. One elective course from any of the categories below (1 unit).
2. At least two of the five courses taken for the minor must be at the 300 or 400 level.
3. An internship in or related to Latin America or Latin Americans in the United States can count as the elective if it meets university requirements and is approved by the director of Latin American Studies.
4. Students minoring in Latin American Studies must complete two semesters of Spanish at the 101-102 level, or one semester at the 200 level, or the equivalent, with a passing grade.
5. Upon approval by the Latin American Studies Program, students may complete up to two of the required units of study for the minor when enrolled in a study abroad program in Latin America or in a Spanish- or Portuguese-speaking country.

Students may count only two courses taken to fulfill requirements in their major or another minor towards the LAS minor.

Humanities
ARTH 302 The Art of Mexico and Mesoamerica
LAS 380 Around Macondo in Eighty Days
LAS 399 Latin America Travel Seminar
PHIL 312 Latin American and Latinx Philosophy
SPAN 212 Introduction to Latin American Cultures
SPAN 300 Literature, Theory, and Practice when Latin American content
SPAN 301 Literature of the Americas
SPAN 303 Hispanic Short Story
SPAN 304 Hispanic Poetry
SPAN 306 Latin American Film
SPAN 308 Survey of Twentieth Century Latin-American/Latine Theatre
SPAN 310 Special Topics in Literary and Cultural Studies when Latin American content
SPAN 311 Migration Narratives
SPAN 312 Visual Culture and Modernity in Latin America
SPAN 402 Seminar in Nineteenth-Century Latin America
SPAN 405 Seminar in Twentieth and/or Twenty-First Century Latin America
SPAN 410 Special Topics in Hispanic Studies when Latin American content

Social Sciences
BUS 472 Business in Latin America
CONN 395 China and Latin America: A New Era of Transpacific Relations
PG 311 Politics of Detention: Criminal Justice, Immigration, and the War on Terror
PG 330 Peace, Justice, and Reconciliation in Latin America
PG 380 Latin American Politics
SOAN 315 Identity Politics in Latin America
SOAN 316 Cultural Politics of Global Development when Latin American emphasis
SOAN 350 Border Crossings: Transnational Migration and Diaspora Studies

History
HIST 280 Colonial Latin America
Latin American Studies

HIST 281 Modern Latin America
HIST 287 Cuba and the Cuban Diaspora
HIST 380 Modern Mexico: From Revolution to NAFTA
HIST 381 Film and History: Latin America
HIST 382 Comparative Revolution in Twentieth Century Latin America
HIST 384 Transnational Latin America
LAS 387 Art and Revolution in Latin America

Course Offerings

Unless otherwise specified, each course carries 1 unit of credit and is offered at least once each academic year. Please see “Frequency of Course Offerings” on page 20.

Seminars in Scholarly Inquiry. See Seminars in Scholarly Inquiry in the Core Curriculum section of this Bulletin for course descriptions. While these courses cannot count toward a major or minor, the following are recommended for their focus on important aspects of Latin American Studies.

SSI1/SSI2 112 Salsa, Samba, and Soccer: Popular Culture in Latin America
SSI1 123 Diego Rivera and Frida Kahlo: Lives of Art and Politics
SSI2 125 Diego Rivera and Frida Kahlo: Lives of Art and Politics

Other courses offered by Latin American Studies faculty. See Connections in the Core Curriculum section of this Bulletin for course descriptions.

CONN 395 China and Latin America: A New Era of Transpacific Relations
Satisfies the Connections core requirement.
LAS 380 Around Macondo in Eighty Days
Satisfies the Connections core requirement.
LAS 387 Art and Revolution in Latin America
Satisfies the Connections core requirement.
LAS 399 Latin America Travel Seminar
Satisfies the Connections core requirement.

Latin American Studies (LAS)

100 Introduction to Latin American Studies This course introduces students to the history, literature, and culture of the different Latin American regions. It examines the products of individual and collective experience and creativity in a variety of ways. Using historical and anthropological texts, the course provides a brief overview of historical periods and legacies, and considers how anthropologists have understood the cultures of urban and rural, racial and ethnic existence. In addition, using a series of literary works, students reflect on the cultural and national identity, moral and religious values, and individual experience of Latin Americans as well as the cultural, intellectual, and linguistic influence of these people in the United States. Classes are organized around discussion and occasional presentations by guest speakers. In addition to exams, students write several short evaluations of readings and are involved in several group presentation projects. The course serves as a required introduction to the Latin American Studies minor. Satisfies the Humanistic Approaches core requirement. Satisfies the Knowledge, Identity, Power graduation requirement.

380 Around Macondo in Eighty Days See Connections in the Core Curriculum section of this Bulletin for course description.

387 Art and Revolution in Latin America See Connections in the Core Curriculum section of this Bulletin for course description.

398 Latin American Studies Travel Seminar Activity Variable credit up to 0.25 activity units. This activity credit course supplements LAS 399 Latin American Travel Seminar that includes a study-travel component following the end of the term. Students can enroll for 0 units or 0.25 units. Prerequisite: Concurrent enrollment in LAS 399. Cannot be audited.

399 Latin America Travel Seminar See Connections in the Core Curriculum section of this Bulletin for course description.

495 Independent Study Variable credit up to 1.00 unit. Independent study is available to those students who wish to continue their learning in an area after completing the regularly offered courses in that area. May be repeated for credit up to 4.00 units. Cannot be taken Credit/No Credit.