Minor in Latino/a Studies

Why study American studies?
Because American studies offers a creative environment to learn, think, and reflect about American culture, history, and communities from both a national and global perspective.

Requirements for the Minor
Students selecting this minor must complete the following:

Core Courses (12)
Select by at least 4 courses (12 hours) of the following: 12

AMS/SOC 260 America's Latinos/Latinas
AMS 520 Topics in Latino Studies: _____ (may be repeated for credit as the topic changes)
ANTH 562 Mexamerica
LAA 302 Topics in Latin American Area Studies:_____ 
LAA 602 Topics in Latin American Studies: _____
ENGL 337 Introduction to U.S. Latino/a Literature
ENGL 573 U.S. Latina/o Literature: _____ (may be repeated for credit as the topic changes)
POLS 619 Topics in American Politics: _____ (Latino Politics)
SPAN 464 Reading and Analysis of U.S. Latino/a Literatures: _____ (conducted in Spanish)
SW 455 Topics in Social Welfare: _____ (Social Work with Latinos)

The following topics courses also may count toward the minor, if the particular topic offered in a given semester focuses on U.S. Latino/as:

AMS 344 Case Study in American Studies: _____
AMS 536 Ethnicity in the United States: _____
AMS 494 Topics in: ____
AMS 551/553 Research Project in American Studies (if the research focuses on U.S. Latino/as)
SPAN 440 Hispanic Studies: _____ (conducted in Spanish)
SPAN 540 Colloquium on Hispanic Studies: _____ (conducted in Spanish)
SW 555 Diversity, Oppression, and Social Justice: Culturally Competent Social Work

A course with a service-learning component, such as one of the following, may also count in this category, with permission of the Latino/a studies advisor, if the service learning component is in a Latino/a community in the U.S.: 

AMS 552 Public Service in American Studies
SPAN 330 Service Learning Internship Spanish I (variable credit)
SOC 490 Internship in Sociology

Other courses with at least 75 percent U.S. Latino/a content may count toward the minor with permission of the Latino/a studies advisor.

Latino/a Studies Required Electives (6)

Students selecting this minor must complete 2 additional courses (6 hours) from any course above not used to satisfy the requirement and any of the following:

AMS/SOC 110 American Identities
AMS/SOC 112 American Identities, Honors
AMS/GEOG 576 Cultural Geography of the United States
ANTH 563 Cultural Diversity in the United States
ENGL 340 Topics in U.S. Ethnic Literature: _____ (if the topic includes U.S. Latino/a literature)
GEOG 591 Geography of Latin America
GEOG 592 Middle American Geography
HIST 471 Social History of South America
HIST 573 Latin America in the 19th Century
HIST 574 Slavery in the New World
HIST 575 The Many Faces of Mexico
HIST 576 History of the Caribbean and Central America
HIST 580 Economic History of Latin America
LAA 100 Latin American Culture and Society
LAA 302/602 Topics in Latin American Area Studies: _____ (Sports and Politics in Latin America)
LAA 302/602 Topics in Latin American Area Studies:_____ (The Latin American Left)
LAA 332 Language and Society in Latin America
LAA 333 Language and Society in Latin America, Honors
LAA 335 The Politics of Language in Latin America
POLS 658 Theories of Politics in Latin America
POLS 659 Political Dynamics of Latin America
POLS 670 United States Foreign Policy
SOC/AMS 332 The United States in Global Context
SOC/AMS 522 American Racial and Ethnic Relations
SOC/AMS 534 Global Ethnic and Racial Relations
SOC 630 Latin American Society
SPAN 447 Latin American Cultures: _____ (conducted in Spanish)
SPAN 460 Colonial Spanish-American Studies: _____ (conducted in Spanish)
SPAN 461 Nineteenth Century Spanish-American Studies: _____ (conducted in Spanish)
SPAN 462 Twentieth Century Spanish-American Studies: _____ (conducted in Spanish)
SPAN 463 National Traditions in Spanish America: _____ (conducted in Spanish)
SPAN 471 Studies in Spanish-American Culture and Civilization: _____ (conducted in Spanish)
SPAN 475 Studies in Latin-American Literature and Culture: _____ (conducted in Spanish)
SPAN 560 Colloquium on Latin American Film (conducted in Spanish)
SPAN 566 Latin American Folklife
SW 560 Study Abroad Topics: _____ (International Social Work (when in Costa Rica))
SW 560 Study Abroad Topics: _____ (Intercultural Community Social Service (when in Costa Rica))
Other appropriate courses on Latin America, its cultures, countries, geography, history, politics, economy, and/or people, or other relevant courses on the U.S., may also count toward this requirement, with the approval of the Latino/a studies advisor.

Latino/a Minor Discipline Breadth (0)
Satisfied by courses from at least 3 departments.

Latino/a Studies Minor Hours & Minor GPA
While completing all required courses, minors must also meet each of the following hour and GPA minimum standards:

**Minor Hours**
Satisfied by 18 hours of minor courses.

**Minor Hours in Residence**
Satisfied by a minimum of 9 hours of KU resident credit in the minor.

**Minor Junior/Senior (300+) Hours**
Satisfied by a minimum of 15 hours from junior/senior courses (300+) in the minor.

**Minor Graduation GPA**
Satisfied by a minimum of a 2.0 KU GPA in all departmental courses in the minor. GPA calculations include all courses in the field of study including F’s and repeated courses. See the Semester/Cumulative GPA Calculator (http://clas.ku.edu/undergrad/tools/gpa).