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:

- AMS/SOC 260 America’s Latinos/Latinas
- AMS 520 Topics in Latino Studies: _____ (may be repeated for credit as the topic changes)
- ANTH 562 Mexamérica
- 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 473 Latin America in the 19th Century
- HIST 474 Slavery in the New World
- HIST 475 The Many Faces of Mexico
- HIST 476 History of the Caribbean and Central America
- HIST 478 Economic History of Latin America
- LAA 100 Latin American Culture and Society
- LAA 462 Topics in Latin American Area Studies: _____ (The Latin American Left)
- LAA 332 Language and Society in Latin America or 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 Folklore
- 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.

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**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).