

Minor in Latin American Area Studies

The Undergraduate Minor in Latin American & Caribbean Studies provides students with a solid foundation of instruction on Latin American topics to supplement their primary field. There are two tracks within the minor: the General Latin American and Caribbean Studies Track and the Indigenous Studies in Latin America (ISLA) Minor Track. Both tracks require 3 hours of core classes followed by 15 hours of upper-division electives from a wide variety of courses approved by the center. No more than 1 course (3 hours) may be shared with the student's major. For the General LACS minor track there is no language requirement. The ISLA track requires two semesters of an indigenous language spoken in Latin America. For the General Track LAA 100, LAA 300, LAA 332/LAA 333, or LAA 334/ANTH 379 can count as a core course. For the ISLA Track ISP 101 may also count as a core course.

The General Track is for students from several departments and schools who do not wish to concentrate in language studies, but who are interested in aspects such as the history, culture, geography, anthropology, art history, politics, business or journalism of Latin America. This minor will be a great complement to a degree in, for example, business or architecture. There is great flexibility for students who wish to create their own program in order to acquire knowledge in various disciplines subjects. The ISLA track is for similar students who are particularly interested in indigenous peoples of the Western Hemisphere and wish to study an indigenous language. In particular, the ISLA track allows students to integrate coursework on indigenous population of what is now the United States with coursework on such populations elsewhere in the Western Hemisphere.

The Latin American & Caribbean Studies advisor (<https://latamst.ku.edu/amy-schmidt>) will be glad to speak with any student who may be interested in obtaining the minor. If you would like to make an appointment with the undergraduate advisor or have any questions about the new minor, please contact the Center of Latin American & Caribbean Studies (<https://latamst.ku.edu>).

Requirements for the Minor

Core Requirements

General Track

Code	Title	Hours
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The general track requires 18 hours in the minor, 12 of which must be taken at the junior/senior level.

Core Minor Requirements

Choose 1 of the following courses: 3

LAA 100	Latin American Culture and Society	
LAA 300	Interdisciplinary Themes in Latin American Studies	
LAA 332	Language and Society in Latin America	
or LAA 333	Language and Society in Latin America, Honors	
LAA 334	Indigenous Traditions of Latin America	

Junior/Senior Level Electives 15

5 courses (15 hours) at the junior/senior level are required. They may be chosen from the list of courses approved for Latin American studies. Only 1 course may be shared with the major.

Indigenous Studies in Latin America Track

Code	Title	Hours
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The track in Indigenous Studies in Latin America requires 21 hours in the minor, 12 of which must be taken at the junior/senior level.

Latin American and Caribbean Studies Introductory Course.

Satisfied by:

LAA 100	Latin American Culture and Society	3
or ISP 101	Introduction to Indigenous Nations Studies	

Two Semesters of an Indigenous Language Spoken in Latin America 6

Four upper-division courses in Anthropology, Economics, Indigenous Nations Studies, Geography, History, Latin American Area Studies, Linguistics, Music, Political Science, specifically approved as electives for the Minor. 12

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 18-21 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 12 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 junior/senior courses in the field of study including F's and repeated courses. See the Semester/Cumulative GPA Calculator (<http://www.collegesas.ku.edu/GPACalculator.shtml>)¹⁰⁷.