

Minor in Brazilian Studies

Why study Spanish and Portuguese?

Spanish, the second most spoken language in the world with approximately 559 million speakers, is the official language in 21 countries. Moreover, according to the *Instituto Cervantes*, the United States ranks second behind Mexico in the number of Spanish speakers. Similarly, Portuguese, the official language in 9 nations, is spoken by approximately 210 million people over the world (the sixth most spoken language). Fluency in more than one language and an understanding of literary and cultural texts create educated citizens who can contribute to the betterment of our society.

A minor in Brazilian Studies demonstrates to future employers and/or graduate schools that you have achieved a certain level of linguistic ability and understanding of Hispanic cultures. Our curriculum is designed to help students hone their oral and written language skills and to learn more about Spanish, Spanish American, and Luso-Brazilian cultures through literature and cultural studies. This knowledge is highly beneficial if you plan a career path with an international component or with an orientation toward the predominantly Hispanic populations in the United States. The Brazilian Studies Minor is useful in such diverse careers as advertising, marketing, journalism, health services, government, social welfare, and public administration (to name a few). For a list of possible career paths in Spanish and Portuguese, visit the University Career Center website at <https://career.ku.edu/>.

Requirements for the Brazilian Studies Minor

This program consists of 6 3-credit-hour courses (for a total of 18 credit hours) in which students pursue Brazilian studies beyond the 3 first semesters of basic language classes. In consultation with departmental advisors, students combine their course work in several academic areas, such as language, business, economics, film and media studies, geography, history, political science, and theatre.

Brazilian Studies Minor Course Requirements

Students selecting this minor must complete the following:

Code	Title	Hours
Prerequisite Knowledge		
Satisfied by Intermediate Brazilian Portuguese I-PORT 212 or equivalent placement.		
Requirements for the Minor		
Satisfied by 3 courses from each of the following groups:		
Group I:		9
PORT 216	Intermediate Brazilian Portuguese II	
PORT 220	Intensive Intermediate Brazilian Portuguese (Open only to students abroad)	
PORT 300	Brazilian Culture	
PORT 320	Introduction to Portuguese and Brazilian Literatures	
PORT 340	Textual Analysis and Critical Reading	

PORT 490 Intensive Advanced Portuguese (Open only to students abroad)

Group II: 9

GEOG 597 Geography of Brazil

HIST 579 The History of Brazil

PORT 347 Brazilian Studies: _____

PORT 348 Portuguese Language and Brazilian Culture for Business

PORT 365 Studies in Brazilian Film: _____

PORT 394 Special Readings in Brazilian Studies

PORT 471 Studies in Brazilian Culture and Civilization: _____

PORT 475 Studies in Brazilian Literature: _____

PORT 565 Studies in Brazilian Film: _____

Depending on their content, the following courses may substitute for required or elective courses by petition:

ECON 582 Economic Development

HIST 370 Violence and Conflict in Latin American History

HIST 372 Violence and Conflict in Latin American History, Honors (with at least 1/3 of focus on Brazil and a paper on Brazil)

HIST 580 Economic History of Latin America (with at least 1/3 of focus on Brazil and a paper on Brazil)

POLS 659 Political Dynamics of Latin America (with at least 1/3 of focus on Brazil and a paper on Brazil)

SPAN 522 Advanced Studies in Spanish Language: _____ (Phonetics and Phonology of Spanish and Portuguese in Contrast. Taught in Spanish.)

Minor Hours & Minor GPA

While completing all required courses, minors must also meet each of the following hour and grade-point average minimum standards:

Minor Hours

Satisfied by 18 hours of minor courses.

Minor Hours in Residence

Satisfied by a minimum of 9 junior/senior (300+) hours of KU resident credit in the minor.

Minor Junior/Senior 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 departmental 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>).

Study Abroad

The department offers summer programs in Barcelona, Spain; Buenos Aires, Argentina, Salvador (Bahia), Brazil. KU offers semester/academic year programs in San José, Costa Rica, Buenos Aires, Argentina, and Salamanca, Spain. More information is available from the Office of Study Abroad (<http://www.studyabroad.ku.edu>).

Graduate students have the opportunity to teach and conduct research during summer sessions in Buenos Aires, Argentina; or Barcelona, Spain.

The department also has a graduate exchange agreement with the Universidade de Santiago de Compostela, Spain.