LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES
ACADEMIC PROGRAM INFORMATION

LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES IS AN INTERDISCIPLINARY ACADEMIC PROGRAM THAT FOCUSES ON THE CULTURE, HISTORY, POLITICS, AND SOCIETY OF LATIN AMERICA.

THE MINOR
As part of the LAS curriculum, students will gain an understanding of Latin American and Latinx perspectives and analyze Latin American issues from multiple points of view. LAS students will develop linguistic and cultural fluency, engage with Latin American and Latinx scholarship and communities, and draw connections among the methodologies and perspectives of multiple disciplines.

WHAT COURSES WILL I TAKE?
The Latin American studies minor requires seven courses including Introduction to Latin American Studies (LAS 210) and Intermediate Spanish II (SPA 220) or equivalent. Five additional courses must be chosen from a list of Latin America-focused classes that includes the following disciplines: history, anthropology, environmental studies, politics, religion, and Spanish. Also required is a capstone experience (a project consisting of one of the following: an internship, an independent study, or a Latin American focus in the junior or senior project of the major) with a product presented at the annual R.I.C.E. symposium or other venue for student presentations, and at a yearly Latin American Studies Senior Workshop. This capstone need not be a separate course—but it should involve presentation of a product beyond any original course requirements.

Study abroad in a Latin American or Caribbean country is strongly recommended. Recent minors have studied and conducted internships in Bolivia, Costa Rica, Mexico, and Peru, among others. Interested students are encouraged to consult with a program committee member early on to plan their preparation for the minor and to discuss course offering schedules. Details concerning course prerequisites and when these courses are offered are provided on Centre’s website.

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We back our promise with a deeply engaging and intensely personal education guarantee. If you meet regular academic and social expectations, you will complete all three parts of the Centre Commitment, or the college will provide up to an additional year of study tuition-free.

Centre students will:
• Study abroad
• Have an internship or research opportunity
• Graduate in four years