

# LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES MINOR

Code	Title	Credits
Spanish Proficiency demonstrated with a C or higher in SPA 217 (or a 300- or 400-level SPA course)		
Social Science and History - select 3 courses (students must take courses from two different departments/disciplines)		9
PSC 150	Comparative Government and Politics	
PSC 241	Human Rights and Globalization	
PSC 250	Politics in Latin America	
PSC 360	Political Economy of the Developing World	
PSC 370	Domestic Conflicts & Peace	
HIS 263	Wars of Latin America	
HIS 264	Latin American History to 1830	
HIS 265	Latin American History Since 1830	
HIS 365	U.S.-Latin American Relations since 1898	
Language, Literature, and Culture - select 3 courses (students must take courses from two different departments/disciplines)		9
SPA 217	Intro Comp Panorama SocioCultural Latinoamericano	
Any SPA course at 300- or 400-level		
FAH 103	Survey of Pre-Columbian and Native American Art	
FAM 123	World Musics	
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>18</b>

Minors are an important part of the undergraduate curriculum. If students declare a minor by sophomore year, they can usually complete it in a timely manner. Students should work with their advisor to determine if it is possible that the minor can be completed by graduation.

To receive a minor, a student must complete at least 9 credit hours of coursework distinct from their major(s) and from other minors, and students must complete more than 50% of the coursework required for the minor at Canisius. Please note that "ancillary/supporting" courses required for a major may still count as distinct courses as long as the remaining coursework still meets the 30 credit-hours required for a major. For more information about minor policies, please see the Declaring Majors and Minors (<http://catalog.canisius.edu/undergraduate/academics/student-records/declaring-majors-minors/>) page in the catalog.

## Learning Goals and Objectives

### Student Learning Goal 1

Latin American Studies minor allows students to think critically about Latin American societies, governments, and policies through both historical and contemporary lenses.

Students will:

- **Objective A:** Interpret important political concepts, theories, events, actors, and processes pertinent to Latin American analyses;
- **Objective B:** Apply knowledge of Latin American history and diverse cultures to contemporary social and political themes;
- **Objective C:** Identify regional political, social, and economic trends and the impact of colonialism, globalization, and U.S. foreign policy towards Latin America.

### Student Learning Goal 2

Latin American Studies minor curriculum uses research to articulate ideas and arguments clearly and effectively in the field of Latin American Studies.

Students will:

- **Objective A:** Integrate knowledge from different academic disciplines into a coherent paper, presentation or project that addresses a topic in Latin American Studies;
- **Objective B:** Conduct independent research and follow appropriate formats in documenting resources;
- **Objective C:** Communicate information, ideas, and research results effectively.

### Student Learning Goal 3

Latin American Studies minor provides students with the skills to communicate in a modern language that is appropriate to the area of studies and necessary for professional success.

Students will:

- **Objective A:** Display competency of a Latin American language at the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) intermediate level.