

# LATINO STUDIES (MINOR)

Department Website (<http://as.nyu.edu/latinostudies/>)

## Program Description

Housed in the Department of Social and Cultural Analysis (SCA), Latino studies aims to produce knowledge about people of Latin American descent living in the United States and to integrate this knowledge into the country's understanding of itself. Latino is a concept grounded in the United States, and Latino studies, in this respect, is clearly distinct from Latin American studies. The program examines such topics as the dynamics of race, class, nationality, generation, language, gender, and sexuality among different Latino subgroups; Pan-Latino/a visions; comparative interethnic dynamics, particularly relations among Latinos, African Americans, and Asian Americans; transnational linkages and communities, migratory circuits, and transcultural processes; and interactions between U.S. groups and "home" populations.

NYU's Latino studies program has a distinctive profile that gives it intellectual weight. Its location in New York City makes possible a program built around synergy among the arts, social sciences, and humanities. It offers students training in both field-based and archival research, including opportunities abroad. And finally, it promotes the study of bilingualism, of the politics of language, and of cultural texts, and offers courses designed to develop bilingual research abilities. Existing resources in Spanish and Portuguese support this aim, and the city is a valuable laboratory for research on languages in contact.

## Language and Linguistic Competency

The type of rigorous intercultural study promoted within the Department of Social and Cultural Analysis requires students to recognize the complex modes of communication at work both within and across different social groups. Latino studies therefore strongly encourages its students to develop advanced skills in Spanish, Portuguese, and/or any indigenous languages spoken in the Americas by any of the following means: taking elective courses in sociolinguistics; studying these languages beyond the minimum level required by the College of Arts and Science; pursuing community-based internship fieldwork necessitating the development and use of specific language skills; or undertaking study or research abroad in contexts entailing the exercise of key language or linguistic capabilities.

## Minor Declaration

To request declaration of a minor, CAS students should visit the host department. To request declaration of a cross-school minor, CAS students should complete the online Minor Application available in their Albert Student Center. Students may also use the Minor Application (<https://www.nyu.edu/students/student-information-and-resources/registration-records-and-graduation/forms-policies-procedures.html>) in Albert to request cancellation of a CAS or cross-school minor.

## Program Requirements

The minor requires five 4-credit courses (20 credits) completed with a grade of C or better (courses graded Pass/Fail do not count) as outlined below.

Course	Title	Credits
<b>Minor Requirements</b>		
CORE-UA 529	Cultures & Contexts: Contemporary Latino Cultures (offered every fall)	4
Select four designated Latino Studies electives <sup>1</sup>		
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<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>20</b>

<sup>1</sup> Two of the four courses must be taught by SCA faculty.

## Policies

### Program Policies

#### Double Counting of Courses

##### Majors

Majors may share (double count) two courses with a second major, with permission from the other department/program.

##### Minors

Minors may share (double count) one course with a major or a second minor, with permission from the other department/program.

### NYU Policies

University-wide policies can be found on the New York University Policy pages (<https://bulletins.nyu.edu/nyu/policies/>).

### College of Arts and Science Policies

A full list of relevant academic policies can be found on the CAS Academic Policies page (<https://bulletins.nyu.edu/undergraduate/arts-science/academic-policies/>).