MINOR IN LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES

The Department of Modern Languages and Literatures offers a minor in Latin American Studies. The program provides a comprehensive understanding of the cultures, histories, languages and societies of a region that has roughly five hundred million people, as well as close and growing ties to Canada.

Open to students from all faculties, the program represents a unique chance to complement your main field of studies through a mind-broadening exploration of a changing, heterogeneous universe. For instance, you have the opportunity to study Latin America from the perspective of multiple disciplines thanks to interdepartmental and interfaculty courses, conferences, discussion groups and cultural activities.

By introducing this minor, the University wants to help you discover a new and exciting field of studies, expand your knowledge base by acquiring insights into the multiple facets of Latin America, gain intercultural and multidisciplinary competence, and become well acquainted with the polyphonic discourse of this immense region of the world.

All of our language courses are taught in Spanish or in Portuguese. Other courses are offered in English or in French.

Program Requirements

The table below includes only discipline-specific courses. Please refer to the Academic Regulations (https://www.uottawa.ca/about-us/policies-regulations/academic-regulations/b-2-program-studies/) for information on including a minor to your degree.

Requirements for this program have been modified. Please consult the 2022-2023 calendar (https://catalogue.uottawa.ca/en/archives/) for the previous requirements.

6 language course credits in one of the following	6 Units
languages:	

Total:	30 Units
12 optional course units from the lists of optional courses offered at the Faculty of Arts and the Faculty of Social Sciences ²	12 Units
6 optional course units from the list of optional courses offered at the Faculty of Social Sciences	6 Units
6 optional course units from the list of optional courses offered at the Faculty of Arts ²	6 Units
POR 1902 Elementary Portuguese II ¹	
POR 1901 Elementary Portuguese I ¹	
Option 2: Portuguese	
ESP 1992 Elementary Spanish II ¹	
ESP 1991 Elementary Spanish I ¹	
Option 1: Spanish	
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Note(s)

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Students whose level of proficiency is higher than elementary in Spanish or Portuguese as established by a placement test, will either take 6 course units at the intermediate or advanced level or 6 course units in the other languages.

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A maximum of 9 course units in a given discipline.

List of Optional Courses

Optional courses at the Faculty of Arts

ELA 1102	Latin American Cultures I	3 Units
ELA 2102	Latin American Cultures II	3 Units
ELA 3110	Selected Topics in Latin American Studies: Cultural Issues	3 Units
ESP 1101	Introduction to Spanish Culture	3 Units
ESP 2100	Special Topics in Spanish and Latin American Culture	3 Units
ESP 2101	Spanish and Latin American Cinema	3 Units
ESP 2301	Hispanic Literature in translation	3 Units
ESP 2304	Women in Hispanic Culture and Literature	3 Units
HIS 2170	Latin America, Colonial Period	3 Units
HIS 2171	Latin America, Modern Period	3 Units
HIS 3195	Selected Topics in Latin American History	3 Units
LCM 1101	How to Learn Foreign Languages	3 Units
LCM 1102	Tools for Cultural Analysis	3 Units
POR 2101	The Culture of Portuguese-Speaking Countries I	3 Units
POR 2102	The Culture of Portuguese-Speaking Countries II	3 Units
POR 3101	Literature and Cinema of the Portuguese Speaking Countries	3 Units

Optional courses at the Faculty of Social Sciences

ANT 3340	Anthropology of Latin America and the Caribbean	3 Units
DVM 4130	International Development Issues in Latin America	3 Units
ECO 2121	Introduction to International Economics	3 Units
POL 3145	Comparative Politics: Latin America	3 Units
SCS 3160	Selected Topics in Latin American Studies: Socio-Political Issues	3 Units