Latin American Studies, Minor

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Latin America is a complex cultural and historical region created by Spanish and Portuguese colonization in the New World and which encompasses territories and peoples from the southernmost tip of South America to the Caribbean Islands and the United States. As an area born out of a series of conquests, migrations, contacts, and conflicts, it is transcultural, multi-lingual, and multi-ethnic. It has been a vital part of the formation of the modern world even as it has continued to function as a source for the expression of economic, political, and cultural alternatives to dominant Western formations. The minor provides deeper knowledge and expertise in this region for students interested in a variety of careers. It complements the disciplinary training of a students’ major field by asking that students engage with Latin America through a variety of disciplines and by working with faculty across different schools at UCI.

Requirements for the Minor in Latin American Studies

Requirements for the minor are met by taking seven courses (of which no more than three may be lower-division) as specified below. No more than four courses may be taken in any one single department.

A. Complete one of the following core courses:

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<td>SPANISH 50</td>
<td>Latin America, U.S. Latino, and Iberian Cultures</td>
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<td>HISTORY 70D</td>
<td>Problems in History: Latin America</td>
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B. One course from each of the following three categories—History, Culture, and Social Sciences—selected from the approved list on the Latin American Studies website. ¹

C. Three additional courses selected from the approved list. ¹

¹ The approved list is available at the Latin American Studies website (http://www.humanities.uci.edu/latinamericanstudies/).

With the approval of the director, other relevant courses also may satisfy the requirements for the minor.

Residence Requirement for the Minor: Four upper-division courses required for the minor must be completed successfully at UCI. Two of the four may be taken through the UC Education Abroad Program, provided course content is approved in advance by the appropriate department chair.