

# LATINO STUDIES, UNDERGRADUATE CERTIFICATE

Latinx communities are the fastest growing minority population in the United States, numbering between 50 and 60 million today. Our interdisciplinary program allows students in many majors to complete their existing studies while also deepening knowledge about the experience of the Latin American and Caribbean diaspora in the U.S.

With demographic trends and the need to work with diverse groups, employers will appreciate your specialized training in Latinx Studies. The certificate complements academic fields in Letters & Science (Spanish, Sociology, Anthropology, History, and Political Science among others) as well as professional fields such as Business, Criminal Justice, Health Science, Nursing, and Social Welfare. Latinx Studies courses also count towards the major in Latin American, Caribbean, and U.S. Latinx Studies.

Students will find answers to these questions:

- Who are Latinx people?
- Why has the U.S. Latinx population grown so rapidly in recent years? Which groups are growing the fastest?
- How have immigration policies affected population growth and change?
- How do Latinx people engage in politics of their communities, states, and the nation?
- Why has their growth spurred so much electoral attention?
- What challenges do Latinx communities face in terms of racism, sexism, and discrimination?
- What contributions have Latinx people made to US art, music, and literature?
- What is the history of Mexicans, Puerto Ricans, and Cubans in the U.S. from the 1600s to the present?

A certificate in Latinx Studies is similar to a minor, in that it demonstrates you've achieved substantial knowledge in this interdisciplinary area of study.

The mission of the multidisciplinary Certificate in Latinx Studies is twofold:

1. To enable students to understand and evaluate the impact of Latinx people on the history, culture, politics, and economy of the United States, and
2. To foster the development of new, critical approaches that enable students to transform their world views and apply sound principles in their professional and personal interactions.

## Eligibility

The Undergraduate Certificate Program in Latino Studies is open to any University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee undergraduate who has completed at least 15 credits, to those who previously received a bachelor's degree from UWM or any other accredited college or university, and to those who do not plan to pursue a college or university degree (non-degree students) but who have a strong interest in this subject. To be admitted to the University as non-degree students, individuals must meet regular University admission requirements. Students currently involved in

baccalaureate studies who successfully complete the requirements of the certificate program are awarded the certificate at the time of graduation. Students who already possess the bachelor's degree and non-degree students receive the certificate upon completion of the program requirements.

## Requirements

To obtain the certificate, students must complete 21 credits in approved Latino courses, including 12 credits at the 300 level and above, with a minimum grade point average of 2.500. Students must select courses from at least three curricular areas, including LATINO 101. No more than 12 credits in a single curricular area may count toward the certificate, and a maximum of 3 credits of independent study may be applied to the 21 credit requirement. At least 12 credits for the certificate must be completed in residence at UWM, with at least 9 of the residence credits at the 300 level and above. For additional program information, contact the Latino Studies Coordinator.

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Required</b>		
LATINO 101	Introduction to Latino Studies	3
<b>Electives</b>		
Select 18 credits from the following: <sup>1</sup>		18
ANTHRO 313	Archaeology of the American Southwest	
CURRINS 542	History and Politics of Second Language Education	
CURRINS 550	Using Children's Literature to Explore Latin Am/Latino Cultural Heritage	
ED POL 212	Educational Issues in Spanish Speaking Communities	
ED POL 460	The Chicano Experience	
ED POL 560	Education and Hispanics	
ENGLISH 279	Introduction to U.S. Latino/a Literature:	
ENGLISH/FILMSTD 316	World Cinema: (Latina and Latin American Women Directors)	
ENGLISH 374	Survey of U.S. Latino/a Literature <sup>2</sup>	
ENGLISH 394	Theories of Digital Culture: (Latino and Latin American Popular Culture)	
ENGLISH 523	Studies in U.S. Latino/a Literature:	
ETHNIC 250	Selected Topics in Ethnic Studies: (Women as Migrant Workers)	
HIST 200	Historical Roots of Contemporary Issues: (U.S.-Mexico Borderlands)	
HIST 267	The History of Latinos in the United States	
HIST 372	Topics in Global History: (History of Media: Latin American and U.S. Latino Worlds)	
LACUSL 200	Special Topics in Latin American, Caribbean, and U.S. Latinx Studies:	
LACUSL 300	Advanced Topics in Latin American, Caribbean, and U.S. Latinx Studies:	
LACUSL/THEATRE 324	Theatre in the Americas: Latin American, Caribbean, and Latinx Theatre	
LATINO 199	Independent Study	

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LATINO 201	Special Topics in U.S. Latino Studies:
LATINO 301	Advanced Topics in U.S. Latino Studies: (subtitle)
LATINO/POL SCI 388	Latino Politics
LATINO 699	Advanced Independent Study
SOCIOL 323	Perspectives on Latino Communities
SPANISH 319	Advanced Speaking and Listening for Heritage Speakers
SPANISH 371	Introduction to Latino Literature in English <sup>2</sup>
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Total Credits	21

<sup>1</sup> Must include 12 credits numbered 300 and above. (Consult the Certificate coordinator for approval to count additional appropriate courses not listed below.)

<sup>2</sup> Only one of ENGLISH 374 and SPANISH 371 may count toward the minimum 21 credits required for the certificate.

### Contact Information

Current Students contact Julie Kline, [jkline@uwm.edu](mailto:jkline@uwm.edu)  
Prospective Students contact a Letters & Science Admissions Counselor  
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