

LATINX 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 Latinx Studies is open to any University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee students seeking a bachelor's degree from UWM, 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 18 credits in approved Latinx courses, including 9 credits at the 300 level and above in residence at UWM, with a minimum grade point average of 2.00. Students must select courses from at least three curricular areas, including LATINX 101. No more than 9 credits in a single curricular area may count toward the certificate. Students may count up to 3 credits of a related independent study and up to 3 credits of a related internship. For additional program information, contact the Latinx Studies Coordinator (Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies (<https://uwm.edu/clacs/>)).

| Code | Title | Credits |
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| Required | | |
| LATINX 101 | Introduction to Latino Studies | 3 |
| Electives | | |
| Select 15 credits from the following: ¹ | | 15 |
| ANTHRO 313 | Archaeology of the American Southwest | |
| ANTHRO 431 | Cities and Culture | |
| ANTHRO 570 | Issues in Bilingualism | |
| COMMUN 350 | Intercultural Communication | |
| COMMUN 450 | Cross-Cultural Communication | |
| CURRINS 542 | History and Politics of Second Language Education | |
| CURRINS 543 | Developing Biliteracy | |
| CURRINS 550 | Using Children's Literature to Explore Latin Am/Latino Cultural Heritage | |
| DANCE 272 | Salsa, Merengue, and Bachata I | |
| ECON 193 | First-Year Seminar: (subtitle: Prosperity, Poverty, and Economic Justice) | |
| ED POL 212 | | |
| ED POL 460 | The Chicano Experience | |
| ED POL 560 | | |
| ENGLISH 277 | Introduction to Ethnic Minority Literature: | |
| ENGLISH 279 | Introduction to U.S. Latino/a Literature: | |
| ENGLISH/FILMSTD 316 | World Cinema: (Latina and Latin American Women Directors) | |
| ENGLISH 373 | Survey of Ethnic Minority Literature | |
| ENGLISH 374 | Survey of U.S. Latino/a Literature | |
| ENGLISH 394 | Theories of Digital Culture: (Latino and Latin American Popular Culture) | |
| ENGLISH 404 | Language, Power, and Identity | |
| ENGLISH 523 | Studies in U.S. Latino/a Literature: | |
| ETHNIC 102 | Transnational Migrations: People on the Move | |
| ETHNIC 250 | Selected Topics in Ethnic Studies: (Women as Migrant Workers) | |
| ETHNIC 255 | Migration and Gender: Starbucks, Sex Trafficking, and Nannies | |

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| ETHNIC 275 | Queer Migrations |
| ETHNIC 325 | Gender, Race, and Ethnicity in Milwaukee: |
| 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) |
| HIST 436 | Immigrant America Since 1880 |
| JAMS 450 | Race and Ethnicity in the Media |
| LACUSL 200 | Special Topics in Latin American, Caribbean, and U.S. Latinx Studies: |
| LACUSL 201 | Latin American, Caribbean, and U.S. Latinx Arts and Culture: |
| 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 |
| LACUSL 489 | Internship in Latin American, Caribbean, and US Latinx Studies, Upper Level |
| LACUSL 680 | LACUSL Senior Research Project |
| LATINX 199 | Independent Study |
| LATINX 201 | Special Topics in U.S. Latino Studies: |
| LATINX 267 | The History of Latinos in the United States |
| LATINX 289 | Internship in Latino Studies, Lower Division |
| LATINX 301 | Advanced Topics in U.S. Latino Studies: |
| LATINX 323 | Perspectives on Latino Communities |
| LATINX 374 | Survey of U.S. Latino/a Literature |
| LATINX 489 | Internship in Latino Studies, Upper Division |
| LATINX 523 | Studies in U.S. Latino/a Literature: |
| LATINX 699 | Advanced Independent Study |
| LGBT 275 | Queer Migrations |
| LINGUIS 570 | Issues in Bilingualism |
| PH 319 | Introduction to Health Disparities |
| POL SCI 215 | Ethnicity, Religion and Race in American Politics |
| POL SCI 415 | The Politics of Race, Ethnicity and Immigration |
| PSYCH 578 | Psychology of Race, Ethnicity, and Health |
| SOCIOL 224 | Race and Ethnicity in the United States |
| SOCIOL 323 | Perspectives on Latino Communities |
| SPANISH 203 | Third-Semester Spanish |
| SPANISH 204 | Fourth-Semester Spanish |
| SPANISH 308 | Advanced Writing and Reading |
| SPANISH 318 | Advanced Speaking and Listening |
| SPANISH 319 | Advanced Speaking and Listening for Heritage Speakers |
| SPANISH 332 | Using Spanish in the Business World |

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| SPANISH 333 | Advanced Spanish Grammar |
| SPANISH 338 | Spanish for Health Professionals |
| SPANISH 341 | Introduction to Hispanic Linguistics |
| SPANISH 342 | Business and Legal Spanish |
| SPANISH 348 | Introduction to Translation: English to Spanish |
| SPANISH 350 | Understanding Literature and Culture |
| SPANISH 371 | Introduction to Latino Literature in English |
| SPANISH 373 | Topics in Latino Literature in English: |
| SPANISH 388 | Health Issues in the Hispanic World |
| URBPLAN 692 | Special Topics in Urban Planning: (subtitle: Latino Cities) |

Total Credits**18**

¹ Must include 9 credits numbered 300 and above. Consult the Certificate coordinator for approval to count additional appropriate courses with at least 25% Latinx content not listed here.