

# Latin American Studies



WASHINGTON  
& JEFFERSON  
COLLEGE

The Latin American Studies minor is a course of study in the liberal arts that **provides students with an understanding of the many facets of Latin American literature and history, society and culture, economics and politics, ecology and environment, languages, arts, and humanities.** Students are given the opportunity to **study the Latino experience in the United States** and **explore global issues that impact indigenous, Afro-descendants, and ethnically diverse communities of Latin America**, such as migration, displacement, mobilization, and the pursuit of social justice.

## Minor Requirements

The Latin American Studies minor is available to students in any major. Six courses are required. Students must take:

- Two Spanish language courses at the 207 level or higher
- Four additional courses related to Latin American Studies. We are a vibrant program that engages students and faculty across multiple disciplines in the study of Latin America, including Art History, Conflict Resolution, Environmental Science, History, International Relations, Modern Languages, Music, Political Science, Social Justice, and Sociology. *(The complete list of eligible courses can be found in the College Catalog.)*
- Students must incorporate a study away/cultural immersion experience with a focus on Latin America in consultation with the LAS director.

*Spanish majors/minors interested in an LAS minor may use up to two 200-, 300-, or 400-level SPN courses towards the minor.*

## Sample Courses

- Latin American History from Independence to the Present (HIS 261)
- Global Music Regional Survey (MUS 241/341)
- New World Encounters: Latin America through Film (SPN 289)
- International Environmental Policy (EVS 315)
- Spanish Business Communication and Culture (SPN 371)

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# Beyond the Classroom

## Research & Internships

- Semester-long stays in Spanish-speaking countries (Costa Rica, Ecuador, Spain, and Uruguay)
- Summer Magellan Projects and study abroad in Spanish-speaking countries (any Spanish-speaking country of your choice)
- May Term travel courses to Spanish-speaking countries (any Spanish-speaking country of your choice)
- Internships and service-learning opportunities in Costa Rica, Chile, the Dominican Republic, Spain, and Puerto Rico.

## Employment

Careers after W&J include:

- Government agencies, diplomat, law enforcement
- Business, banking, international law or business, patent attorney
- Translator, professor, marketing, journalist
- Medical professional, international science researcher, and more

## Alumni Achievements

- Fulbright recipient, M.A. in Law and Diplomacy, Public Affairs Specialist for the U.S. Forest Service
- Fulbright ESL and Research recipients to Colombia, Ecuador, Spain, and Korea
- Assistant Professor of Spanish and Latinx Studies at Marywood University
- Studying Pharmacy at the University of North Carolina
- Peace Corps recipients to Southeast Asia
- Teach for America and AmeriCorps



Latin American Studies minors Ty Laughlin and Ashley Navarro on study abroad trips to Ecuador, Uruguay, and Argentina.