Latin American Studies

DIRECTOR: JUAN CARLOS TOLEDANO REDONDO

The minor in Latin American studies enables students to combine study of a major field in the arts, humanities, sciences, or social sciences with a focused study of Latin American and Hispanic/Latino history, culture, and contemporary affairs. The program includes a major component of overseas study integrated with courses from various disciplines on campus. Overseas study programs offered in Latin America allow students to spend up to a year studying in curricular areas not covered on the Lewis & Clark campus.

The interdisciplinary minor is supervised by a group of faculty from several departments. This group coordinates the curriculum, advises students, supervises major research projects, and plans special events.

Students may apply for admission to the minor only after being accepted for an appropriate overseas study program.

MINOR REQUIREMENTS

A minimum of 24 semester credits, distributed as follows:

- One of the following: History 141 or 142, Latin American Studies 200, or Sociology/Anthropology 266.
- A minimum of one and a maximum of three international studies courses (language courses do not apply) taken while participating in a Lewis & Clark overseas study program in Latin America.
- Up to four additional courses from the following list. It is highly recommended that one of these be a Latin American literature course.

Art

207 Pre-Columbian Art

History

141 Colonial Latin American History

142 Modern Latin American History

242 Borderlands: U.S.-Mexico Border, 16th Century to Present

345 Race and Nation in Latin America

347 Modern Mexico: Culture, Politics, and Economic Crisis

348 Modern Cuba

400 Reading Colloquium (when focus is on Latin America)

450 History Seminar (when focus is on Latin America)

Hispanic Studies

230 Hispanic Literature in Translation

360 Latin America and Spain: Pre-Columbian to Baroque

370 Latin America and Spain: Enlightenment to Present

440 Topics in Hispanic Literatures (when focus is on Latin America)

444 Spanish Practicum (when focus is on Latin America)

446 Special Topics in Hispanic Literatures and Cultures (when focus is on Latin America)

450 Special Topics (when focus is on Latin America)

Sociology/Anthropology

261 Gender and Sexuality in Latin America

266 Social Change in Latin America

400 Senior Seminar and Thesis (when focus is on Latin America)

International Affairs

231 Latin American Politics

430 International Affairs Seminar (when focus is on Latin America)

Music

306 World Music: Latin America and the Caribbean

At least three of the courses used for the minor must be taken on campus at Lewis & Clark.

A minimum of 12 semester credits must be discrete to the minor (in other words, may not be used in any other set of major or minor requirements).

FORTHCOMING OVERSEAS STUDY PROGRAMS

General Culture

Cuba. 2012 spring Santiago de los Caballeros, Dominican Republic. Annual: fall, spring Cuenca, Ecuador. Annual: spring, summer Language Intensive

Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. Annual: one semester or full year Santiago or Valparaíso, Chile. Annual: one semester or full year

SPONSORING FACULTY

Franya Berkman, assistant professor of music.
Matthew N. Johnston, assistant professor of art history.
Bruce M. Podobnik, associate professor of sociology.
Matthieu P. Raillard, associate professor of Hispanic studies.
Juan Carlos Toledano Redondo, associate professor of Hispanic studies.
Freddy O. Vilches, assistant professor of Hispanic studies.
Wendy Woodrich, senior lecturer in Spanish.
Elliott Young, associate professor of history.

LAS 200 LATIN AMERICAN CULTURAL STUDIES

Young, Vilches

Content: Theoretical approaches to the study of Latin American culture. Focused study of particular writers, artists, and musicians. Topics include indigenismo, nationalism, post-colonialism, the African diaspora, borderlands, and hybridity. Interdisciplinary approach integrates literary, historical, and anthropological modes of inquiry in this team-taught, bilingual class. To earn Hispanic studies credit, students must do their papers in Spanish.

Prerequisite and/or restriction: Spanish 201. For students who wish to earn Hispanic studies credit, Spanish 301.

Taught: Alternate years, 4 semester credits.

Mathematical Sciences

CHAIR: JEFFREY S. ELY

The mathematical sciences—mathematics, statistics, and computer science continue to play a central role in the evolution of civilization. With a focus on patterns and structure, and with methodologies based on computation and representation of information, the mathematical sciences foster coherence and understanding that enable technology and broaden insights about the world of natural science.

The goal of the department is to acquaint students with this role as it relates to developments within the mathematical sciences as well as to applications to other disciplines. The department focuses on two distinct but complementary responsibilities: the mathematical sciences as an essential component of a liberal arts education and the mathematical sciences as a major course of study.

The department's courses present the many facets of the mathematical sciences: as a way of structuring the world of knowledge, as an art form, as an enabler in other disciplines, and as a historical force. As a consequence, the department provides the requisite mathematical, computational, and statistical content and methodology for allied disciplines as well as three comprehensive major programs.