

Latino/a Studies Concentration

Requirements

BEGINNING THE LATINO/A STUDIES CONCENTRATION

First- and second-year students may begin with any of six core courses listed under Concentration Requirements. Students need not take two of the core courses consecutively during the same academic year. Students who need to fulfill the language requirement for the concentration should begin their study of Spanish in the first two years at Kenyon.

CONCENTRATION REQUIREMENTS & CURRICULUM

1. Core and Related Areas Coursework

Students are required to take 2.5 units (five semester courses) which focus on Latino/a culture and society, outside of the language requirement. Courses should be chosen from at least two different departments. These courses should be chosen from the list of courses approved by the Latino/a Studies program committee and may include up to two relevant courses taken in study abroad programs. One unit (two semester courses) must be core courses chosen from the following: ARTS 291, ENGL 273, HIST 323, PSYC 328, SPAN 380 or SPAN 381. Students also must choose 1.5 units (three additional semester courses) in related areas of study within American studies, English, history, MLL, psychology, sociology, women's and gender studies, or other programs and departments that offer courses about the histories and cultures of Latino/a communities, depending on the course offerings in any given academic year. At least one of these courses must be an advanced seminar.

Core Coursework:

ARTS 291 Studio Views: Chicana/o Art
ENGL 273 Introduction to Latino Literature and Film
HIST 323 Borderland History
PSYC 328 Latino Psychology
SPAN 380 Introduction to Chicano Cultural Studies
SPAN 381 Resisting Borders: Contemporary Latino/a Literature

Related Areas Coursework:

AMST 229 Social Movements
HIST 218 History of Mexico
SOCY 233 Sociology of Food
SOCY 235 Transnational Social Movements
SOCY 237 Borders and Border Crossing
SPAN 335 Literature and Popular Culture in Spanish America
SPAN 355 Literature of National Experience in Mexico
WGS 242 Transnational Feminisms

Seminar Coursework:

AMST 493 Senior Seminar

ENGL 381 Another America: Narratives of the Hemisphere

HIST 311 Immigrant Experience in the United States

HIST 321 The Mexican Revolution

HIST 322 Human Rights in Latin America

PSCI 355 Immigration, Citizenship, and National Identity

PSYC 327 Cross-Cultural Psychology

2. Language Study

At least one year of study in Spanish language is required. Currently, this requirement can be met by taking the two-semester sequence of Spanish at Kenyon (SPAN 111Y-112Y). The equivalent of one year of approved college-level language instruction in Spanish at another accredited academic institution will also meet the requirement, as will some intensive summer programs, or a semester of language study abroad when paired with language immersion. In the case of transfer students, credit will be accepted for a year of Spanish language study with a grade of C+ or better pursued at another institution. If the student tests out of the college language requirement, the program committee will waive the language requirement. Students in the concentration are encouraged to continue language study for more than one year.

3. Service Learning Experience

A minimum of 20 hours of service learning experience is required. Four core courses (ARTS 291, PSYC 328, SPAN 380 and SPAN 381) will offer the service learning component of the concentration, and each will require at least 10 hours of service learning. This community-based learning experience must be within a Latino/a community and must be arranged in consultation with the faculty using service learning. At least one course with service will occur once a year. Each faculty member will provide a set of guidelines with descriptions and expectations for both students and service providers.

OFF-CAMPUS STUDY

Off-campus study in a Spanish-speaking country is not required, but it is highly recommended. Students should consult with the Latino/a Studies faculty and the director of the Center for Global Engagement for the numerous opportunities available to Kenyon students to study abroad for one semester or a year. Students are encouraged to attend study abroad programs in countries representing most critically the U.S. Latino population including, but not limited to, Mexico and Central America, the Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, Colombia and Cuba. The Earlham Border Studies program also is recommended.

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COURSES THAT MEET THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THIS CONCENTRATION:

AMST 493: Individual Study

ARTS 391: Special Topic

ENGL 273: Latino/Latina Literature and Film

ENGL 282: Beyond Borders: Introduction to Trans-American Literature

ENGL 381: Another America: Narratives of the Hemisphere

HIST 218: History of Mexico

HIST 311: Immigrant Experience in the United States

HIST 321: The Mexican Revolution: Origins, Struggles, and Significance

HIST 322: Human Rights in Latin America

HIST 323: Borderland History

PSCI 355: Immigration, Citizenship, and National Identity

PSYC 327: Cross-Cultural Psychology

PSYC 328: Latino Psychology

SOCY 233: Sociology of Food

SOCY 235: Transnational Social Movements

SOCY 237: Borders and Border Crossings

SPAN 335: Literature and Popular Culture in Spanish America

SPAN 355: The Literature of National Experience in Mexico

SPAN 380: Introduction to Chicana/o Cultural Studies

SPAN 381: Resisting Borders: Contemporary Latino(a) Literature

WGS 242: Transnational Feminisms