

# Latin American Studies Minor

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## About

The Villanova Latin American Studies Program, established in 1988, offers students in all of the university's four undergraduate colleges the opportunity to acquire a broad multi-disciplinary understanding and appreciation of Latin America. Students may pursue either a minor or the more comprehensive major (GLAS). Both are designed to complement a variety of majors; many concentration and minor courses can also be used to satisfy core curriculum requirements.

Since language is essential to understanding any culture, a degree of language proficiency is an integral part of both the major and the minor. And, since living in Latin America offers invaluable experience in language, culture, and contemporary life issues, students in the program are strongly encouraged to spend a summer or semester in the region.

**Program** [Latin American Studies](#)  
**Degree Type** Minor

## MINOR: Latin American Studies (18 credits)

A minor is open to all students and requires 6 courses for 18 credits.

### *Program Notes:*

- Courses that fulfill minor requirements may be used to fulfill other requirements (i.e., primary major, core curriculum, minors, concentrations, or free electives).
- The Latin American Studies program allows up to two courses, or six credits, to be counted in both the LAS minor and the Spanish major or minor. Overall, no more than two courses, or six credits, from the department of Spanish Studies may count as electives for the LAS minor.

Course	Title	Credits
	LAS Elective	12
	Spanish Elective	6

## Major (34 credits)

The Department of Global Interdisciplinary Studies (GIS) offers a major with a specialization in Latin American Studies. Please see [that page](#) for detailed requirements of the major.

## LAS Elective

**Elective Credits** 12

Four elective courses with the LAS attribute (12 cr).

## Spanish Elective

**Elective Credits** 6

Two Spanish courses at the intermediate level (1121 and 1122) or above (6 cr).