

# 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
<b>Required</b>		
LATINX 101	Introduction to Latino Studies	3
<b>Electives</b>		
Select 15 credits from the following: <sup>1</sup>		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 360	The Mexicano/Mexicana Experience in the U.S.	
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	
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
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**

<sup>1</sup> 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.