Why minor in Latino/Latin American Studies?

- This minor integrates a focus on Latin America and Latinx communities in the U.S. with specialized areas of study, with coursework offered in Anthropology/Sociology, Hispanic Studies, History, Political Science, and Theology.

- This interdisciplinary minor gives you the opportunity to compliment your work in a variety of academic fields by connecting different ways of thinking, developing deeper knowledge and specific application of tools and concepts to regional study of the Americas. The LLAS minor is frequently combined with majors in GBUS, HISP, HIST, POLS, and SOCI.

- This minor enhances important professional skills for careers in both the public and private sector. Cross-disciplinary and comparative analysis means stronger analytical thinking, and regional study affords greater cross-cultural knowledge and agility, and a deeper global awareness.

- LLAS minors explore the broad dynamics which shape - historically and in the present - Latin America and Latinx communities, and the cultural contributions of Latin America and Latinx communities to the U.S. and the world.

Contact the LLAS Director, or one of our primary advisors with any questions on the Minor.
What is the Latino/Latin American Studies Minor?

The LLAS minor is a dynamic, interdisciplinary course of study that gives the student the power to select the courses that most interest them. Through the LLAS minor, students explore the Latin American and Latinx histories and cultures of North, Central, and South America, the Caribbean, and the United States. The LLAS minor is designed to help you develop a deeper understanding of the diversity and complexity of the Americas. The LLAS minor is easy to complete alongside other academic minors and majors, and many LLAS-themed courses also fulfill requirements of the Integrations Curriculum.

Clubs/Organizations and Activities

LLAS minors often participate in student organizations, such as:

**Spanish Club**
spanishclub@csbsju.edu

**Archipelago Caribbean Association**
archipelago@csbsju.edu

**Exploring Latin American Culture (ELAC)**
elac@csbsju.edu

**LLAS 270 Learning Community, (0-1 credit)**
LLAS 270 is a 0-1 credit course connected to our semester-by-semester event series. Registering in LLAS 270 is a great way to meet other students, explore your interests, and even contribute to campus life by creating mural art or other collaborative projects.

LLAS Courses

The LLAS minor consists of 20 credits. There are two required courses - one covering Latin America and one focused on Latinx experience in the U.S. - but students can choose which course to take in each of the two areas. The remaining three courses (12 credits) are electives. Of the 20 credits, a maximum of 12 can be taken in any one discipline.

**Sample Elective Courses**

- HIST 121 Aztecs, Incas and Mayas (HM, HE)
- HIST 321 Mexico from Aztecs to Independence (HM)
- HIST 322 Mexico from Independence to Today
- HIST 323 Religion in Latin America (TI)
- HISP 336 Latin American Culture (SW)
- HISP 337 Latino Identity in the United States (CSD-S)
- HISP 342 Latin America: Autonomy, Nation and Identity
- HISP 345 Modern Latin America through Literature
- HISP 355C Topics in Latin American Lit (HM, HE)
- HISP 357 Chiapas embedded study abroad (HE, Justice, GLO)
- LLAS 120 Latinx Identities in the U.S. (CSD-1)
- LLAS 270 Readings in Latin America
- POLS 343 Revolutions & Social Movements (SW, Movement)
- POLS 347 Latin American Politics (SW, Movement)
- POLS 380B Race & Gender in Brazil (embedded study abroad, CSD-S, GLO)
- SOCI 322 Transnational Anthropology (SW, Movement, GLO)
- SOCI 327 Food, Culture, Society (SW, Justice)
- SOCI 336A Latin American Anthropology (CSD-S)
- THEO 329D Theologies of Liberation (TU)

A variety of electives are always offered. Speak with an LLAS faculty member to help find the best classes for you.

LLAS and Study Abroad

LLAS is linked to CSB/SJU study abroad programs, making the LLAS minor a schedule-friendly means to enrich your study abroad experience.

**Chile**

The wonderful city of Viña del Mar hosts many students during this Fall Study Abroad Program.

Embedded study abroad programs, which start on campus and then continue for several weeks abroad, include Chiapas, Mexico, and Brazil.

For more information on these programs, go to https://www.csbsju.edu/global