MINOR IN LATIN AMERICAN AND LATINO/A STUDIES

The Minor in Latin American and Latino/a Studies is designed for students interested in the languages, history, politics, and cultures of Latin America and in its presence in the United States. Students are encouraged to develop a program that is both international and comparative in perspective, and that takes into account the heterogeneous cultural experiences of people living in the vast territory encompassed by the term Latin America, as well as of those living in the United States who identify themselves as Latino/a.

The minor consists of six subjects (at least three of which must be MIT subjects, including required subject 17.55[J] Introduction to Latin American Studies), arranged in four areas of study:

- Area I: Language
- Area II: Humanities and the Arts
- Area III: Social Sciences
- Area IV: Historical Studies

Subjects in Latin American and Latino/a Studies are also available from Harvard University and Wellesley College through cross-registration. Students must receive permission from the minor advisor prior to registering for a class at another institution.

Five of the six subjects taken for the minor may be counted toward the eight-subject HASS Requirement. Of these five, at most one may count toward the distribution component of the HASS Requirement. Of the six subjects required for the minor, at least four cannot be counted toward a major or another minor.

Area I: Language

Select two from among the following:

- 21G.703 Spanish III
- 21G.704 Spanish IV
- 21G.711 Advanced Spanish Conversation and Composition: Perspectives on Technology and Culture
- 21G.712 Spanish Conversation and Composition
- 21G.713 Spanish through Film: Mexico, Chile, Argentina, and Spain
- 21G.714 Spanish for Heritage Learners
- 21G.715 Topics in Medicine and Public Health in the Hispanic World
- 21G.803 Portuguese III
- 21G.804 Portuguese IV

Select subjects, including 17.55[J], from at least two of the following areas:

Area II: Humanities and the Arts

Subjects taught in English:

- 21G.070 Latin America and the Global Sixties: Counterculture and Revolution
- 21G.072 The New Latin American Novel
- 21G.074 Topics in Portuguese Popular Culture
- 21L.019 Introduction to European and Latin American Fiction

Subjects taught in Spanish:

- 21G.735 Advanced Topics in Hispanic Literature and Film
- 21G.734[J] Creation of a Continent: Representations of Hispanic America, 1492-1898, in Literature and Film
- 21G.736 The Short Story in Spain and Hispanic America
- 21L.638[J] Literature and Social Conflict: Perspectives on the Hispanic World

Subjects taught in Portuguese:

- 21G.820 Topics in Modern Portuguese Literature and Culture

Area III: Social Studies

17.55[J] Introduction to Latin American Studies (Required)

Additional options:

- 3.982 The Ancient Andean World
- 3.983 Ancient Mesoamerican Civilization
- 21A.506 The Anthropology of Politics

Area IV: Historical Studies

Select from among the following:

- 21H.171 Latin America: Revolution, Dictatorship, and Democracy, 1850 to Present
- 21H.172[J] Latin America Through Film (Latin America Through Film)
- 21H.273 From Coca to Cocaine: Drug Economies in Latin America

Appropriate subjects offered at Harvard or Wellesley

Total Units 72

1 Two language subjects beginning at Levels III and IV, either in Spanish or Portuguese, satisfy the Area I language requirement. MIT offers Levels III and IV of Spanish every semester and offers Level III of Portuguese every fall semester and Level IV every spring semester. Students who demonstrate competence beyond Level IV may either take two advanced language subjects (highly recommended) or two more subjects from Areas II, III, and IV.
For students who are not required to take Area I subjects and opt not to take advanced language subjects (see footnote 1 above), all six subjects for the minor must be taken from Areas II, III, and IV, with at least one subject from each area.

Students may not take more than one subject focused on the Iberian Peninsula.

The subject list above is not exhaustive. Additional information can be obtained from the minor advisor, Professor Ben Schneider (brs@mit.edu), E53-423, 617-253-7207, or from the SHASS academic administrator, Andrea Wirth (awirth@mit.edu), 4-240, 617-253-4441.