Latinx Studies

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Latinx Studies is an interdisciplinary field focusing on the people, cultures and communities of those of Hispanic and/or Latin American descent in the United States. Latinx Studies is different from Latin American Studies because of its methodology and definition. Latin American Studies is defined geographically and can include any disciplinary approach to the Latin American region. Latinx Studies is an interdisciplinary field within Race and Ethnic Studies that focuses on the Latinx experience in the United States.

Latinx Studies provides Marquette students with a better understanding of the variety of Latinx cultures that exist in the United States and the diverse cultural and historical contributions that Latinx populations have made to this country. These experiences are considered within the context of contemporary and historical political realities that shape issues ranging from immigration and citizenship, law and justice, health care, education, policing, and gender to questions concerning freedoms of speech, assembly and expression. Knowledge of Spanish is not required for this program; interested students may choose, however, to take courses in Spanish to fulfill program requirements.

Latinx Studies Minor

Only two courses may be taken in a single discipline for the minor. Four total disciplines must be represented in student course work. Eighteen credit hours are required to complete the minor. Students must complete one Race and Ethnic Studies course, a minimum of two Latinx Studies courses and up to three Latinx Studies electives. The required Race and Ethnic Studies course provides students with the critical methodology needed to proceed in this field. Following the completion of this requirement, students are prepared to undertake course work devoted to Latinx content according to their disciplinary interests within the field.

Comparative Race and Ethnic Studies course

ENGL 4810 Comparative Race and Ethnic Studies

LatinX Studies required courses - Complete two of the following:

HIST 4120 American Immigration
HIST 4320 United States-Latin American Relations
PHIL 3390 Latin American Philosophy
POSC 4931 Topics in Political Science
SOWJ 2150 Immigrants and their Communities
SPAN 4400 U.S. Latinx Literature
SPAN 4150 Spanish in the United States
HEAL 1931 Topics in Health Care (Migration and Health: Mexico and the US)

LatinX Studies electives - Complete 3 of the following:

ADPR 4750 Strategic Communication in a Culturally Diverse Marketplace
ENGL 4820 Studies in Critical Race and Ethnic Studies
HEAL 1025 Culture and Health
HIST 4115 The American West
POSC 4361 Politics of Race, Ethnicity, and Gender
PSYC 3210 The Psychology of Prejudice
SOCI 3550 Race, Gender and Medicine
SPAN 3505 Introduction to Literary Analysis in Spanish for Heritage and Native Speakers
SPAN 4450 Afro-Hispanic and Afro-Latinx Literatures and Cultures
SPAN 4705 Advanced Spanish for Business
SPAN 4715 Advanced Spanish for Health Care
SPAN 4320 Latin American and Latinx Contemporary Issues
SPPA 2220 Child Speech Sound Disorders
SPPA 4610 Multicultural Issues for Speech-Language Pathologists

Total Credit Hours 18

1 Topic must be approved by program director.
2 Course taught in Spanish.