

Requirements: Latino/a Studies

Interdisciplinary

Beginning Studies

First-year and sophomore students may begin with any of six core courses listed below. Students need not take two of the core courses consecutively during the same academic year. Students who need to fulfill the language requirement for the concentration should begin their study of Spanish in the first two years at Kenyon.

Requirements for the Concentration

1. Core and Related Areas Coursework

Students are required to take two and one half (2.5) units which focus on Latino/a culture and society, outside of the language requirement. Courses should be chosen from at least two different departments. These courses should be chosen from the list of courses approved by the Latino/a Studies program committee and may include up to two relevant courses taken in study abroad programs.

One (1) unit must be chosen from the following:

Core Coursework

- ENGL 273 Latino/Latina Literature and Film
- HIST 323 Borderland History
- PSYC 328 Latino Psychology
- SPAN 191 Latino/a Identity
- SPAN 380 Introduction to Chicana/o Cultural Studies

One and a half (1.5) units must be in related areas of study within American studies, English, history, MLL, psychology, sociology, women's and gender studies, or other programs and departments that offer courses about the histories and cultures of Latino/a communities, depending on the course offerings in any given academic year.

Related Areas Coursework:

- ENGL 391 Postcolonial Americas
- HIST 218 History of Mexico
- PSCI 441 Latin American Politics in Film and Fiction
- PSYC 327 Cross-Cultural Psychology
- RLST 228 Christianity in the Global South
- SOCY 229 Social Movements
- SOCY 233 Sociology of Food
- SOCY 235 Transnational Social Movements
- SPAN 321 Literature and Film: Advanced Writing in Spanish
- SPAN 335 Literature and Popular Culture in Spanish America
- SPAN 355 The Literature of National Experience in Mexico
- WGS 242 Transnational Feminisms

Half (0.5) unit must be an advanced seminar.

Seminar Coursework:

- AMST 493 Individual Study
- HIST 311 Immigrant Experience in the United States
- HIST 322 Human Rights in Latin America
- PSCI 355 Immigration, Citizenship and National Identity
- SOCY 237 Borders and Border Crossing
- SPAN 381 Resisting Borders: Contemporary Latino/a Literature and Film

2. Language Study

At least one year of study in Spanish language is required. Currently, this requirement can be met by taking the two-semester sequence of Spanish at Kenyon (SPAN 111Y-112Y). The equivalent of one year of approved college-level language instruction in Spanish at another accredited academic institution will also meet the requirement, as will some intensive summer programs, or a semester of language study abroad when paired with language immersion. In the case of transfer students, credit will be accepted for a year of Spanish language study with a grade of C+ or better pursued at another institution. If the student tests out of the College language requirement, the program committee will waive the language requirement. Students in the concentration are encouraged to continue language study for more than one year.

3. Service Learning Experience

A minimum of 20 hours of service learning experience is required.

Three core courses will offer the service learning component of the concentration, and each will require at least 10 hours of service learning.

PSYC 328 Latino Psychology

SPAN 380 Introduction to Chicana/o Cultural Studies

SPAN 381 Resisting Borders: Contemporary Latino/a Literature and Film

This community-based learning experience must be within a Latino/a community and must be arranged in consultation with the faculty using service learning. At least one course with service will occur once a year. Each faculty member will provide a set of guidelines with descriptions and expectations for both students and service providers.

OFF-CAMPUS STUDY

Off-campus study in a Spanish-speaking country is not required, but it is highly recommended. Students should consult with the Latino/a Studies faculty and the director of the Center for Global Engagement for the numerous opportunities available to Kenyon students to study abroad. Students are encouraged to attend study abroad programs in countries representing most critically the U.S. Latino population including, but not limited to, Mexico and Central America, the Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, Colombia and Cuba. The Earlham Border Studies program also is recommended.

Courses in Latino/a Studies

To see how these courses fulfill the core, area and seminar requirements please refer to the academic course catalog.

Courses that Meet the Requirements for this Concentration

ENGL 273: Latinx Literature and Film
ENGL 381: Another America: Narratives of the Hemisphere
HIST 218: History of Mexico
HIST 311: Immigrant Experience in the United States
HIST 321: The Mexican Revolution: Origins, Struggles and Significance
HIST 322: Human Rights in Latin America
HIST 323: Borderland History
PSCI 355: Immigration, Citizenship and National Identity
PSCI 441: Latin American Politics in Film and Fiction
PSCI 442: Contemporary Latin American Politics
PSYC 327: Cross-Cultural Psychology
PSYC 328: Latino Psychology
SOCY 233: Sociology of Food
SOCY 235: Transnational Social Movements
SOCY 237: Borders and Border Crossings
SPAN 335: Literature and Popular Culture in Spanish America
SPAN 355: The Literature of National Experience in Mexico
SPAN 380: Cultural Productions of the Borderlands
SPAN 381: Resisting Borders: Contemporary Latino(a) Literature and Film
WGS 242: Transnational Feminisms