

Latino/a Studies: Requirements

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. Those who need to fulfill the language requirement for the concentration should begin the study of Spanish in the first two years at Kenyon. Students may complete the Spanish requirement by placing out of Kenyon's language requirement.

Requirements for the Concentration

1. Core and Related Areas Coursework

Students are required to take five courses that focus on Latino/a culture and society, outside of the language requirement. Courses should be chosen from at least two different departments. These should be chosen from the list approved by the Latino/a studies program committee and may include up to two relevant courses taken in study-abroad programs.

The requirements for the concentration include:

- Two core courses (see below)
- Three courses that are related to the study of Latina/o studies

Core Coursework

- ENGL 273: Latino/Latina Literature and Film
- ENGL 381: Multiple Americas: Narratives of the Hemisphere
- PSCI 354: Latinos in American Democracy (Spring 2024)
- PSYC 328: Latino Psychology

Related area coursework is those courses that either provide more specialized and contextual knowledge regarding the Latina/o experience and/or provide a focused examination of issues related to the Latina/o experience either in the U.S. or abroad. Three of the following courses can count towards the related coursework requirement:

Related Areas Coursework

These courses are subject to modification

- ARHS 291: Art of Colonial Latin America and the Caribbean (fall 2023)

- ANTH 259: Latin American Ethnicity, Identity and Cultural Heritage
- ANTH 345: Ethnicity in Central America
- ANTH 385: Archeology of the Colonialism (spring 2024)
- ENGL 391: Postcolonial Americas
- HIST 120: Early Latin American (spring 2024)
- HIST 121: History of Modern Latin America (fall 2023)
- HIST 218: History of Mexico (fall 2023)
- HIST 311: Immigrant Experience in the United States
- HIST 321: The Mexican Revolution
- HIST 322: Human Rights in Latin America
- 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 (spring 2024)
- RLST 228: Christianity in the Global South (fall 2023)
- SOCY 233: Sociology of Food
- SOCY 235: Transnational Social Movements
- SOCY 237: Borders and Border Crossing
- SPAN 32:4 Introduction to Spanish Literature (spring 2024)
- SPAN 339: Spanish Exiles in Latin America (fall 2023)
- SPAN 367: Modernism in Spain (fall 2023)
- WGS 242: Transnational Feminisms (Spring 2024)

2. Language Study

At least one year of study in Spanish is required. This requirement can be met by taking the two-semester sequence of Spanish (SPAN 111Y-112Y). The equivalent of one year of approved college-level language instruction in Spanish at another accredited academic institution also meets the requirement, as do some intensive summer programs, or a semester of language study abroad when paired with language immersion. In the case of transfer students, credit is 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 waives the requirement. Students in the concentration are encouraged to continue language study for more than one year.

3. Experiential Learning

A core part of the concentration is experiential learning that centers on understanding the Latina/o experience. For some courses, this experiential learning will entail community-engaged learning in our local community, while for other courses experiential learning may occur offsite. At the core of all of these experiences is the fostering of learning and engagement with the support of Kenyon faculty engagement.

Please note some of these courses may officially be tagged as a Kenyon CEL course, while others may not. A minimum of 20 hours of experiential learning is required.

The following courses offer experiential learning:

- ANTH 259: Latin American Ethnicity, Identity and Cultural Heritage
- PSYC 328: Latino Psychology
- PSCI 355: Immigration, Citizenship and National Identity
- SOCY 237: Borders and Border Crossing

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 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

Courses that meet the requirement for this concentration:

ANTH 259	Latin American Ethnicity, Identity and Cultural Heritage
ENGL 273	Latinx Literature and Film
ENGL 381	Multiple Americas: Narratives of the Hemisphere
HIST 218	History of Mexico
HIST 311	Immigrant Experience in the United States
HIST 322	Human Rights in Latin America
HIST 323	Borderland History
PSCI 354	Latinos in American Democracy
PSCI 355	Immigration, Citizenship and National Identity
PSCI 441	Latin American Politics in Film and Fiction
PSCI 442	Contemporary Latin American Politics
PSYC 227	Cross-Cultural Psychology
PSYC 228	Latino Psychology
RLST 217	Christianity in the Global South
SPAN 280	Cultural Productions of the Borderlands
SPAN 281	Resisting Borders: Contemporary Latino(a) Literature and Film
SPAN 335	Literature and Popular Culture in Spanish America
SPAN 355	The Literature of National Experience in Mexico
WGS 242	Transnational Feminisms