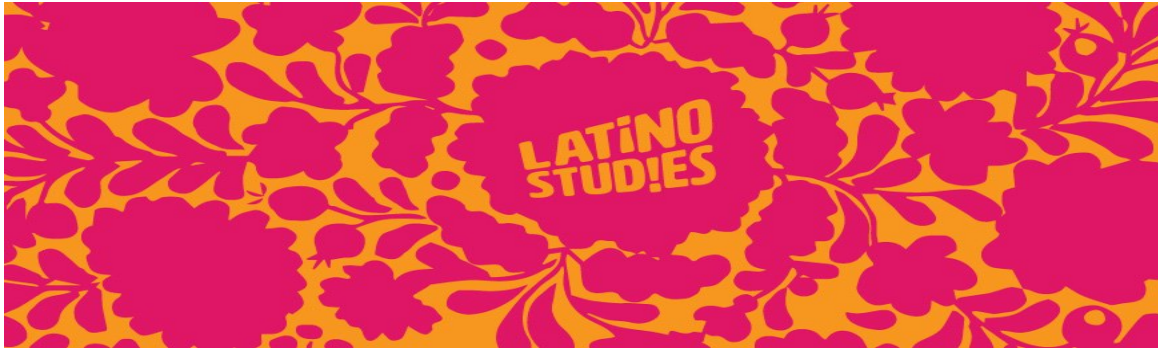


Latino Studies at PLU



What is Latino Studies?

Often described as “a border discipline,” Latino Studies is an interdisciplinary field that aims to foster and advance knowledge about the US Latino experience through the critical lenses and methodological approaches of the Humanities and Social Sciences. Accordingly, Latino Studies graduates pursue various professional fields and vocations, including work in social services and public health, education, arts and communications, activism, ministry, business, law, and politics.

What is the history of Latino Studies?

The first Latino Studies programs in the United States, founded in the late 1960s and early 1970s, were Chicano and Puerto Rican Studies programs. As part of the Civil Rights movement, the Chicano and Puerto Rican Movements aimed to combat the structural racism that disenfranchised these communities through political and educational reforms, such as labor laws, voting rights and the institutionalization of ethnic studies programs, and cultural movements, including literary production and a wide array of visual arts. Latino Studies programs share the vision, theories and praxis of these movements, but broaden the field beyond the examination of the Puerto Rican and Mexican-American experience. The objective to empower Latino/a/x students and educators through self-knowledge about their own histories and identities is central in these programs, as is the mandate to foment intersectional solidarities with peoples of diverse ethnic backgrounds.

How is Latino Studies Different from Hispanic Studies?

Latino Studies and Hispanic Studies have intersecting learning objectives, but a few key differences:

HISPANIC STUDIES	LATINO STUDIES
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Study of Iberian, Latin American, and Latino literatures, linguistics, and cultural studies.• Language of instruction: Spanish• Advanced proficiency in Spanish is a major learning objective.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Study of US Latino literatures and interdisciplinary cultural studies.• Language of instruction: English• Basic proficiency in Spanish supports learning objectives.



Minor in Latino Studies at a Glance

24 semester hours, including:

Language

4 semester hours of Spanish language for second language or heritage learners, contingent upon placement

- HISP 101 or 102, 201 or 251, 202 or 252, 301 or 351 (4)

Latino/a/x Literary and Cultural Studies

12 semester hours

- **LTST 241: Introduction to Latino Studies -A**
This course introduces students to the range of issues and analytical approaches that form the foundation of Latino studies. By tracing the history of the “Latino/a/x” concept in relation to key elements of sociocultural life, such as time, space, migration, identity, class, race, gender, community, power, language, nation, and rights, students will develop understandings of the particular ways in which Latino studies takes shape as an intellectual, literary, artistic and political enterprise. (4)
- **LTST 341: Latino/a/x Experiences in the U.S. -A, LT**
Exploration of the histories, experiences, and contributions of Latino/a/x communities in the United States as they appear in Latino literary and cultural productions. Course content is enriched through related service learning community engagement experience. (4)
- **LTST 441: U.S. Latino/a/x Literary and Cultural Studies -A, LT**
Course introduces students to critical concepts in the field of Latino/a/x literature. Through an examination of narrative texts from different times and places, we will focus on how U.S. Latino/a/x writers re-inscribe native roots, cultures and languages in order to respond to the uncertainties of geographical displacement. (4)

Thematic Areas of Inquiry

8 semester hours; one from each line

I. Special topics in Latin American and/or Latino Studies. This line of inquiry examines Latin American and/or Latino experiences broadly, with possible areas of emphasis in cultural, historical, linguistic, political and sociological studies, and/or topics around indigeneity, coloniality, US intervention in Latin America, migration, exile, diasporic identities, borderlands and/or transnational contact zones.

ANTH 336: Ethnography of Latin America

ANTH 362: Transnational Lives: Anthropology of Migration

ANTH 388: Mexican Anthropology 1909-present (Oaxaca study away program)

HISP 301: Hispanic Voices for Social Change

HISP 322: Latin American Civilization and Culture

HISP 433: Special Topics in Latin American Literature and Culture

HIST 335: The History of the Caribbean

NAIS 230: Indigenous Creation Narratives of the Americas

POLS 288: Latino Experiences in the US

SOCI 377: Oaxacan Society (Oaxaca study away program)

II. Study of historically marginalized ethnic communities in the US. This line of inquiry examines the experiences of other ethnic communities in the US broadly, with possible areas of emphasis in Indigenous and Native American, African American, and Asian American cultural, historical, linguistic, political and sociological studies, and/or topics around indigenous epistemologies, intersectionality, critical race and identity studies, social and political struggles, structural forms of racism, classism, and discrimination, public policy and social work.

ANTH 192: Practicing Anthropology: Makah Culture Past and Present

ENGL 217: Topics in Literature: Emphasis on Alternative Perspectives

ENGL 396: Studies in Literature, Race and Ethnicity

GSRS 201: Introduction to Gender, Sexuality and Race (with approval of HISP/LSTS program)

GSRS 301: Theories of Gender, Sexuality and Race (with approval of HISP/LSTS program)

HIST 357: African American History

NAIS 250: Introduction to Native American and Indigenous Studies

POLS 365: Racial and Ethnic Politics

SOCI 332: Race and Ethnicity

Students may not apply more than two courses (8 semester hours) from all other majors or minors.



Latino Studies Required Courses 2 YR Course Schedule

AY 2020-2021

Fall	J-term	Spring
LTST 241: Introduction to Latino Studies	LTST 441: U.S. Latino/a/x Literary and Cultural Studies	LTST 341: Latino/a/x Experiences in the U.S.

AY 2021-2022

Fall	J-term	Spring
LTST 241: Introduction to Latino Studies	X	LTST 341: Latino/a/x Experiences in the U.S. LTST 441: U.S. Latino/a/x Literary and Cultural Studies

Latino Studies Elective 2 YR Course Schedule

AY 2020-21

Fall

Thematic Area of Inquiry I	Thematic Area of Inquiry II
NAIS 230: Indigenous Creation Narratives of the Americas	GSRs: 201: Introduction to Gender, Sexuality and Race
HISP 301: Hispanic Voices for Social Change	GSRs 301: Theories of Gender, Sexuality and Race
HISP 322: Latin American Civilization and Culture	

HISP 433: Special Topics in Latin American Literature and Culture ANTH 387: Mexican Anthropology 1909-present (Oaxaca study away program)	HIST 357: African-American History NAIS 250: Introduction to Native American and Indigenous Studies POLS 365: Racial and Ethnic Politics SOCl 332: Race and Ethnicity
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J-Term

Thematic Area of Inquiry I	Thematic Area of Inquiry II
	ENGL 217: Topics in Literature: Emphasis on Alternative Perspectives

Spring

Thematic Area of Inquiry I	Thematic Area of Inquiry II
HISP 301: Hispanic Voices for Social Change HISP 433: Special Topics in Latin American Literature and Culture POLS 288: Latino Experiences in the US	ENGL 217: Topics in Literature: Emphasis on Alternative Perspectives GSRS: 201: Introduction to Gender, Sexuality and Race

AY 2021-22 (tentative)

Fall

Thematic Area of Inquiry I	Thematic Area of Inquiry II
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