

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. Those who need to fulfill the language requirement for the concentration should begin 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 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.

Two courses must be chosen from the following:

Core Coursework

- ENGL 273: Latino/Latina Literature and Film
- HIST 323: Borderlands History
- PSYC 328: Latino Psychology
- SPAN 191: Latino/a Identity (fall 2019)
- SPAN 380: Introduction to Chicana/o Cultural Studies

Three courses must be in related areas of study within American studies, English, history, modern languages and literatures, 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 (fall 2020 and fall 2021)
- 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

One course 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. 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. Service Learning Experience

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

Three core courses offer the service learning component of the concentration, and each requires 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 occurs once a year. Each faculty member provides 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 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.

Course Listings in Latino/a Studies

Concentration

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	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 227	Cross-Cultural Psychology
PSYC 228	Latino Psychology
RLST 217	Christianity in the Global South
SOCY 229	Social Movements
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