

LAA UNDERGRADUATE MINOR IN LATIN AMERICAN & CARIBBEAN STUDIES AT KU

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The KU minor in Latin American Area Studies (LAA) provides students with a solid foundation of instruction on Latin American topics to supplement their primary field. There are two options or tracks for the minor:

GENERAL LATIN AMERICAN & CARIBBEAN STUDIES TRACK

The General Studies LAA minor track allows students to explore the arts, literatures, histories, politics and cultures of Latin America and the Caribbean. No foreign language is required for the General Track. Students create their own program based on their individual interests and career goals.

INDIGENOUS STUDIES IN LATIN AMERICA (ISLA) TRACK

This track is for students who are interested in studying indigenous languages and cultures of the Americas. It allows students to integrate coursework on the indigenous populations in what is now the United States with coursework on such populations elsewhere in the Western Hemisphere.

GENERAL TRACK DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Successful General Track LAA minors will complete 18 credit hours of LAA core courses and area studies electives. The 18 credit hours are broken down as follows:
 1 general core course (3CR); 5 area studies electives (15CR).

GENERAL CORE COURSE – 3 CR

LAA minors must enroll in at least 1 one of the following courses:

LAA 100
 LAA 332/333
 LAA 334
 LAA 335

AREA STUDIES ELECTIVES – 15 CR

LAA minors are also required to take 5 LAA-approved area studies electives. No more than 1 course (3CR) may be shared with the student's major, and 4 (12CR) of the courses must be at the 300-level or above.

To be LAA-approved, at least 50% of a course's content must focus on Latin America and/or the Caribbean. A list of LAA-approved courses is published on latamst.ku.edu at the beginning of each enrollment period. Talk to your advisor about which LAA courses best fit your personal interests and future career goals.

ISLA TRACK DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Successful ISLA Track LAA minors will complete 6 hours of an indigenous language spoken in Latin America and 15 credit hours of LAA core courses and area studies electives.

The 15 credit hours are broken down as follows: 1 general core course (3CR); 4 area studies electives (12CR).

INDIGENOUS LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT – 6 CR

The ISLA track requires two semesters of an indigenous language spoken in Latin America. The following indigenous languages are taught at KU: Quichua (Andes) and Miskitu (Nicaragua).

GENERAL CORE COURSE – 3 CR

LAA minors must enroll in at least 1 one of the following courses:

LAA 100
 ISP 101

AREA STUDIES ELECTIVES – 12 CR

ISLA track minors are required to take 4 ISLA-approved area studies electives with content related to indigenous peoples of the Americas. A list of courses ISLA-approved courses is available at: latamst.ku.edu/overview-minor

ADVISING

For more information about Latin American & Caribbean Studies degree options and to sign up, make an advising appointment with Academic Advisor Kim Beets (kim.beets@ku.edu). For discussion of how the major works for your career and the opportunities available, contact CLACS Undergraduate Coordinator, Danika Swanson (danika_swanson@ku.edu).

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