

LATIN AMERICAN AND LATINO STUDIES

Latin American and Latino studies is an interdisciplinary program intended to provide you, as a student, with a thorough understanding of Latin America. You will major in a subject such as political science, history, or business, and minor or concentrate in Latin American studies.

The program is especially meant for those of you who have a personal interest in Latin America, or who have future career aspirations in the field of Latin American studies. The program provides you with a basic knowledge of the language, and a thorough understanding of the Latin American cultural heritage. You also can get additional training in particular disciplines.

Career Preparation

If you minor in Latin American studies, you will be well prepared for continuing your study in graduate programs or through study abroad. Those who wish to work with a company that deals with Latin America will be well prepared for such work.

Programs Offered

Upon completion of the program, you will receive a minor in Latin American studies and a letter of verification attesting to your area of concentration. Eighteen credit hours are required for the minor. Two possible concentration tracks are available:

Track A consists of a language requirement (either Spanish or Portuguese 201-202 or above), plus two courses in Latin American history, and two related electives, for a total of 18 credits.

Track B consists of two courses in Latin American history plus four courses in related disciplines (anthropology, geography, politics, culture, or literature) for a total of 18 credits.

Related Student Activities

Alpha Mu Gamma (languages honor society)

LASO – Latin American Student Organization
International Student Association
Spanish Club

Faculty

You can obtain a detailed listing of faculty members and their academic qualifications for this program from the contact person listed below.

For More Information

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Undergraduate Catalog: http://www.wcupa.edu/_information/official.documents/undergrad.catalog/

About West Chester University

A comprehensive, public institution, West Chester University offers high-quality undergraduate and graduate degree programs in more than 100 subject areas, as well as certification and certificate programs. As one of the largest members of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education, West Chester offers a full and rewarding educational experience as well as reasonable tuition.

With a rich heritage dating back to the 19th century, West Chester University was founded in 1871 as West Chester Normal School for the purpose of training teachers for the Commonwealth's newly established public schools. In 1960, West Chester State Teachers College expanded its programs to include liberal arts and graduate degrees and, as a result, dropped "Teachers" from its name. In 1983, West Chester State Col-

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lege became one of the 14 institutions in the State System of Higher Education. Along with its university status, the school acquired a new system of governance and the opportunity to expand its degree programs.

Today, more than 15,400 graduate and undergraduate students, along with 1,500 faculty and staff, study and work on the 406-acre campus. Situated in the Borough of West Chester, the campus is a picturesque mix of Gothic, Victorian, and modern architecture with pleasant, tree-shaded walks.

Strategically located at the center of the mid-Atlantic corridor between New York City and Washington, D.C., West Chester is just 25 miles west of Philadelphia and 17 miles north of Wilmington.

Information on Admission

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