

Minor in North American Studies

Minoring in North American Studies augments students' majors by deeply focusing on the politics, economics, and societies of Canada, Mexico, and the US. This is especially true for students that seek career paths involving business, law enforcement (local, state, and federal), national security, international relations, and communication.

Marketable Skills

1. Critical thinking: Analyze and evaluate issues in order to solve problems and develop informed opinions
2. Entrepreneurship: Develop, organize, and manage ideas and opportunities turning them into new products, services, firms, or industries
3. Global awareness: Understand and appreciate people, cultures, and ideas from around the world that impact our community
4. Problem-solving: Find solutions to difficult or complex issues
5. Research: Be able to search, investigate and critically analyze information in response to a specific research question
6. Social responsibility: Act ethically and responsibly for the benefit of society and the public good

Additionally, students will gain knowledge of the issues and implications of security, migration, and development involving Canada, Mexico, and the US, including:

1. Analysis of current trends of cooperation between Canada, Mexico, and the US.
2. Analysis of the migration policy implications of Canada, Mexico, and the US for one another.
3. Policy formulation involving the security and development among and within the countries of Canada, Mexico, and the US.

The North American Studies Program educates students in the politics, economics, and societies of Canada, Mexico, and the United States with the primary goals of understanding and explaining interactions in the areas of security, migration, and development. Students will also develop an understanding of the prospects for further continental integration.

Degree Plan

The minor requires that students pass POLS 4363 North American Relations, and pass any five of the following courses:

Code	Title	Hours
ANTH 3320 or SOCI 3320	Indig Cultures of North Amer	3
ANTH 3321 or SOCI 3321	Indians of the Southwest	3
ANTH 3326 or SOCI 3326	Migration	3
ANTH 4308 or SOCI 4308	U.S.-Mex. Border Society/Cult	3
ARTH 3353	Pre-Columb Art & Arch	3
ARTH 3355	Spanish Col Art Americas	3
ARTH 3357	Art Mexico: Ancient to Modern	3
ARTH 3395	Topics in Contemporary Art (*)	3
ARTH 3399	Special Topics in Art History (*)	3
CHIC 3311	Chicano Studies: Societal Issu	3
CHIC 4306	Comm Formation on US/MX Border	3
CHIC 4309	American Immigration & Soc Jus	3
CRIJ 3351	Crim Just on US-Mexico Border	3
CRIJ 4311	Immigration Law and Admin	3
ECON 3325	Public Choice	3
ECON 4325	International Economics	3
ENGL 3310	Chicana/o Literature	3
ENGL 3311	American Literature to 1865	3
ENGL 3312	Am. Literature 1865 to Present	3
ENGL 3327	Jewish American Literature	3
ENGL 3371	Southwestern Literature	3
ENGL 3374	Folklore Of Mexican American	3

ENGL 4319	Am. Fiction 1945 to Present	3
ENGL 4322	The American Drama	3
ENGL 4351	Maj Am Writer(s) since 1900	3
HIST 3303	The U.S.-Mexican War	3
HIST 3309	Mexican-American History	3
HIST 3325	Hist Immigration/Ethnicity US	3
HIST 3342	The Spanish Borderlands	3
INSS 3302	Sem in Intel and Nat'l Sec	3
INSS 3340	Seminar in Homeland Security	3
INSS 3343	Crime and Border Security	3
LABS 3300	The Americas	3
POLS 3361	International Security	3
POLS 4313	Southwestern Border Politics	3
POLS 4315	Latinos In Amer Political Syst	3
POLS 4337	The Politics of Mexico	3
POLS 4339	US-Latin American Relations	3
POLS 4364	Internat'l Political Economy	3

A total of 18 semester hours are required. A minimum GPA of 2.0 in the minor required.