

LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES (LAS)

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Program Goals

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- Latin American Studies Minor (<https://catalog.western.edu/undergraduate/programs/latin-american/latin-american-studies-minor/>)

Latin American Studies Courses

LAS 400. Latin American Studies Senior Portfolio. (0 Credits)

A culminating experience to the minor in Latin American Studies in which students develop a portfolio of their best work from courses taken in the minor, and write a reflective essay indicating how those projects represent their learning in the program. The portfolio and essay will be assessed by the LAS Council members, and the Coordinator's signature is required as evidence of completion of the requirement. A grade of Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory will be reported to the Registrar once the portfolio has been evaluated by the Coordinator. Prerequisite: senior standing and prior completion of all, or co-enrollment in any remaining LAS requirements. Or instructor permission.