Five College Certificate in Latin American, Caribbean, and Latino Studies

Overview

The Five College Certificate in Latin American, Caribbean, and Latino Studies allows students the opportunity to specialize in Latin American studies in addition to or as a complement to their majors. Under the guidance of an appointed faculty adviser for the program at each campus, students design a sequential, coordinated and comprehensive course of study drawing on the faculty specialists and course offerings at the five campuses. The program is designed to enhance students’ understanding of the complex region that comprises contemporary Latin America.

Requirements for the Certificate

Courses

- A minimum of eight courses, including:
  - A broadly based introductory course on the social and political history of Latin America or U.S. Latinos (such as Latin American Studies 180/181 at Mount Holyoke)
  - One course in the humanities that focuses substantially on Latin America or U.S. Latinos -- including courses in art, art history, dance, folklore, literature, music, philosophy, religion, or theatre, etc.
  - One course in the social sciences that focuses substantially on Latin America or U.S. Latinos -- including courses in anthropology, economics, geography, politics or political science, and sociology
  - Four other courses which should be more advanced and more specific in focus.
  - One upper-level seminar in Latin America and/or U.S. Latinos.
- Proficiency through second-year college level in an official (other than English) or indigenous language of Latin America.

Other

- At least one of the courses must be in Latino Studies, and at least one must be in Latin American or Caribbean Studies.
- All courses must be approved in advance by the student’s Mount Holyoke advisor for the certificate program.
- At least one course must be taken outside of Mount Holyoke at one of the other institutions in the Five College consortium.
- Students must complete the required courses with a grade of B or better.

Faculty/Contact

At Mount Holyoke, the advisor for this certificate is Professor Lowell Gudmundson. For further information see www.fivecolleges.edu/sites/latinamericanstudies/.

See Also

- Latin American Studies