

SOUTHWESTERN STUDIES MINOR

Under the Center for the Study of the Southwest and the Department of English
Texas State University

This 18-hour program engages the richness and diversity of the Southwestern United States and Northern Mexico and gives focus to intercultural studies through examination of the region's people, institutions, history, and physical and cultural ecology.

An intercultural, interdisciplinary approach increases awareness of and sensitivity to the diversity of ethnic and cultural traditions in the area. Students examine the images, myths, and perceptions of the region in light of historic records. Students also discover the physical and cultural characteristics that distinguish the Southwest from other regions of the United States.

Required Core Courses:

ENG 3345 – Southwestern Studies I – Defining the Region
ENG 3346 – Southwestern Studies II – Consequences of the Region

After taking these two required courses, students choose the remaining 12 semester hours from the following courses:

Agriculture

AG 2421 – Range, Forage, and Pasture Crops

Anthropology

ANTH 3314 - Latin American Cultures
ANTH 3315 - Archaeology of the Southwest
ANTH 3324 - Mexican American Culture
ANTH 3331A - North American Indians
ANTH 3331C - Indians of the Southwest
ANTH 3345 - Archaeology of Mexico
ANTH 3350 - Sex Roles

Art History

ARTH 3302 - History of American Art
ARTH 3304 - The American West
ARTH 4303 - Pre-Columbian Art

Biology

BIO 3460 - Aquatic Biology
BIO 4410 - Field Biology of Plants
BIO 4421 – Ornithology
BIO 4422 – Mammalogy

Curriculum and Instruction

CI 3332 - Foundations of Bilingual Education

English

ENG 3309 - The Southwest in Film
ENG 4325 - Literature of the Southwest
ENG 3344 – Chicano/a Narrative

Finance and Economics

BLAW 3363 - International Business Law (when taught with a regional focus as determined by the course syllabus.)



Geography

GEO 3308 – Latin America

GEO 3329 – Geography of Texas

GEO 4313 – Environmental Management

History

HIST 3320 – History of Mexico

HIST 3325 – Selected Topics in Latin American History

HIST 3327 – History of Mexico to 1848

HIST 3329 – Spanish Borderlands 1521-1821

HIST 3353 – The Greater Southwest

HIST 3327 – Texas History: A Survey

HIST 4372 – Mexican American History

HIST 4376 – History of Texas Music

Nature and Heritage Tourism

NHT 4301 – Planning and Development of Nature and Heritage Tourism

NHT 4302 – Internship in Nature and Heritage Tourism

Political Science

POSI 4331 – Minority Politics

POSI 4338 – Government and Politics of Latin America

POSI 4358 – United States-Latin American Relations

Sociology

SOCI 3327 – Multicultural Relations

SOCI 3337 – The Family

SOCI 3366 – Folkways and Folklore: An Introduction

Social Work

SOWK 4310 – Diversity and Social Justice in Social Work

Spanish

SPAN 3305 – Latin American Literature I

SPAN 3306 – Latin American Literature II

SPAN 3371 – Latin American Civilization

SPAN 4330 – The Latin American Novel

SPAN 4370 – Hispanic Literature of the Southwest



No more than three courses, including core courses, in a single department may count toward this minor. A course may not be used to satisfy both a major and a minor requirement. Students should check with individual departments for course prerequisites. Relevant Honors and special topics courses may be substituted with permission from the Center for the Study of the Southwest.