

 FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY	NEW/CHANGE PROGRAM REQUEST Undergraduate Programs	UUPC Approval _____ UFS Approval _____ Banner _____ Catalog _____
	Department School of Interdisciplinary Studies College Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters	
Program Name Minor in Caribbean and Latin American Studies	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New Program* <input type="checkbox"/> Change Program*	Effective Date (TERM & YEAR) Fall 2025
<p>Please explain the requested change(s) and offer rationale below or on an attachment.</p> <p>Please see attached cover letter, as well as Department Chair emails of support.</p>		
<p><small>*All new programs and changes to existing programs must be accompanied by a catalog entry showing the new or proposed changes.</small></p>		
Faculty Contact/Email/Phone Dr. Julia R. Brown (Director of Certificate in Caribbean and Latin American Studies), juliaruthbrown@fau.edu	Consult and list departments that may be affected by the change(s) and attach documentation <small>Departments consulted and potentially affected: English; Languages, Linguistics, and Comparative Literatures; History; Political Science; Geography/Geosciences; Anthropology</small>	
Approved by Department Chair <u>William Trapani</u> College Curriculum Chair <u>[Signature]</u> College Dean <u>[Signature]</u> UUPC Chair _____ Undergraduate Studies Dean _____ UFS President _____ Provost _____	Date <u>9/21/24</u> <u>10/14/24</u> <u>10/15/2024</u> _____ _____ _____	

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Re: Creation of Caribbean and Latin American Studies Minor

Monday, August 26th, 2024

Dear Colleagues,

As Director of the Certificate of Caribbean and Latin American Studies, I write to you in your capacity as Department Chair to request your support for a proposal to create a minor of Caribbean and Latin American Studies to complement the existing CLAS Certificate.

The benefits of adding a minor to FAU's degree offerings are multiple: first, the creation of a minor will attract broader enrollment from a pool of students more likely to declare a minor than a certificate. For various reasons, including financial aid, challenges with academic advising, limited opportunity to advertise certificates to students across majors, and the inability to declare a CLAS certificate (in contrast to a minor), some students are dissuaded from participating in the certificate. Creating a minor not only ensures an increased number of participants in the program but indeed promises to bring more students into the full range of courses identified as qualifying electives: these elective courses presently include the ones listed in the affixed minor requirements proposal on the last page of this letter.

Naturally, course content related to Caribbean and Latin American Studies is of high relevance to our geographic region and even more so to our institution, which is designated as a Hispanic Serving Institution by the United States Department of Education. As such, each department that offers courses creditable as electives towards the minor will stand to gain enrollment from a specific subset of students with a pointed interest in the subject matter. With the increased enrollment it is likely to bring to courses thematically pertinent to the Caribbean and Latin America, there will likely be demand for new courses on related subject matter and the opportunity for departments to grow their offers in this area.

Moreover, this shift will allow FAU's degree offerings to better parallel those of its regional public institution counterparts, including Nova Southeastern University (which offers a minor), FIU (which offers a major in Latin American and Caribbean Studies), UCF (which offers a major in Latin American Studies as well as a Minor in Latin American, Caribbean and Latinx Studies). The list of public Florida universities offering a major and minor in Latin American Studies or Latin American and Caribbean Studies also includes FSU and UF.

Ultimately, by adding a minor in Caribbean and Latin American Studies to FAU's existing offering of a Certificate in Caribbean and Latin American Studies, our university will be able to better serve distinct populations by catering to undergraduate students with the minor, and to non-degree-seeking students with the certificate. The whole institution stands to benefit from such an addition: participating departments will likely see increased course enrollment at the 3000 and 4000 levels, new funding opportunities may become available, and our students will benefit from a competitive academic transcript.

For the time present, the prospective minor would be overseen by the Americas Initiative, with the possibility of eventually being housed within the new Global Studies program here at FAU. The creation of the minor as an addition to the existing certificate is a measure for which Arts & Letters Dean Michael Horswell has already shown his support, as has Americas Initiative Director Alejandra Aguilar. I hope you will give this proposal your fullest consideration.

Affixed to the end of this letter, please find an overview of the proposed minor requirements. I ask you to review them carefully and encourage you to provide feedback should you feel so inclined.

If you wish to discuss the proposed minor, I would be delighted to do so either virtually or in person.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Julia R. Brown', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Julia R. Brown

Director of the Certificate of Caribbean and Latin American Studies

Caribbean and Latin American Studies Minor (15 credits)

The School of Interdisciplinary Studies offers a minor in Caribbean and Latin American Studies available to all undergraduate students. The minor requires a minimum of 15 credits, 9 of which must be in upper-level classes (3000 level and above). At least 75 percent of all credits must be earned from FAU.

A grade of “C” or better in each course is required for successful satisfaction of core and elective courses. No more than six (6) credit hours from any department can be used toward the minor. No more than six (6) credit hours of overlap between a student’s major program and CLAS minor is permitted. Additional courses not listed below may be substitutes with prior approval from the Program Director.

REQUIRED 3 credits

LAS 2000 Introduction to Latin American Studies

ELECTIVES 12 credits

Anthropology

ANT 3163 The Maya and Their Neighbors

ANT 3165 South America Before Columbus

English

LIT 4192 Caribbean Literature in English

Languages, Linguistics, and Comparative Literature

SPN 3501 Latin American Culture and Civilization

SPW 3030 Intro to Hispanic Literature

SPT 4130 Latin American Literature in Translation

SPW 4930 Special Topics in Spanish or Latin American Literature

Geography/Geosciences

GEA 4405 Culture and Environment: Latin America and the Caribbean

History

LAH 3100 Colonial Latin American History

LAH 3133 Latin American Independence

LAH 3200 Modern Latin American History

LAH 4131 Indians in Latin American History

LAH 4430 History of Mexico

LAH 4470 History of the Caribbean

LAH 4489 History of Cuba – LAH 4480

LAH 4744 Cold War in Latin America

LAH 4930 Special Topics in Latin American History

AMH 3420 History of Florida

Political Science

CPO 4303 Latin American Politics

Sociology

SYP 4453 Global Social Change