

U.S. Latina/o Studies Minor Requirements

Instructions: Please fill out as much of the information below as you can and return it to the USLT office, 3322 Tawes Hall. Please e-mail Dr. Nancy Raquel Mirabal, Director of USLT at [nmirabal@umd.edu](mailto:nmirabal@umd.edu) to declare a minor and/or make an advising appointment.

Name:

Expected Graduation Date:

Student ID #:

Major:

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Core Courses

Course	Year/Semester	Professor	Grade
USLT 201			
USLT 202			
USLT 488B			

Elective Courses (2 elective courses required, both can be from USLT. For all other categories, student can only use one (1) from each). Electives must also be Upper Level course (300 or 400 level)

USLT Electives	Year/Semester	Professor	Grade

Language	Year/Semester	Professor	Grade

Humanities	Year/Semester	Professor	Grade

Social Sciences	Year/Semester	Professor	Grade

## **I. Description**

The Minor in U.S. Latina/o Studies (USLT) provides students with an excellent opportunity to study and learn more about the experiences of the Latinx community in the United States. The Minor addresses issues pertaining to historically recognized Latinx communities in the U.S., including, but not limited to: Mexican Americans/Chicanos, Puerto Ricans/Nuyoricans, Cuban Americans, Salvadoran Americans, Guatemalan Americans, Colombian Americans, and the Afro Latinx community.

The Minor requires a total of 15 credits and is intended for students who want to specialize in U.S. Latina/o Studies alongside their degree pursuits. A USLT minor is a worthwhile and sought after compliment to majors/degrees in a variety of professions and academic fields such as history, comparative literature, education, urban studies, and planning, education, health care, journalism, social services, business, engineering, government, public policy, among others.

## **II. Requirements**

### **A. Two Lower-Level Courses (6 credits)**

All students must take the two (2) foundational courses: USLT 201 and USLT 202

### **B. One Upper-Level Course Capstone course: USLT 488 (3 credits)**

All students must take USLT 488/Senior Seminar in U.S. Latina/o Studies. This capstone course exposes students to interdisciplinary critical readings and research in U.S. Latina/o Studies. Student will conduct research and write a final seminar paper on the topic of their choice.

### **C. Two Upper Level Elective Courses (6 credits)**

In addition to the three required courses, students will select two elective courses in consultation with the USLT advisor, one from each of two of the following categories: Humanities; Social Sciences; Languages; and Education.

For these electives, students can choose USLT 498/Special Topics in U.S. Latina/o Studies and from a list of pre-approved courses offered through other departments or programs. Elective courses will explore the historical, cultural, political, economic, and sociological dimensions of U.S. Latina/o experiences.

Additional courses that include comparative U.S. Latino content, such as in LASC, GVPT, or AMST, would be eligible for inclusion in the minor with the approval of the USLT advisor.