

LATIN AMERICAN INITIATIVES  
AT NORTH PARK UNIVERSITY

# Voces Latinas

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Welcome to NPU's academic year 2009-2010  
Bienvenidos al año académico 2009-2010 de NPU  
Bem-vindos ao ano académicos do 2009-2010 na NPU

**Welcome**  
**Bienvenidos**  
**Bem-vindo**

**Welcome new and returning Latino students, staff and faculty**  
**Bienvenidos a todos los estudiantes, profesores y trabajadores latinos**  
**Bem-vindo a todos os estudantes, professores e trabalhadores latinos**



# Latin American Student Organization

**LASO** is made up of students from all cultures and backgrounds that want to experience and learn about the Latin American culture. They celebrate its food, dance, history and traditions through several activities during the school year. They have danced at the International Festival, had craft sales with souvenirs and more from several Latin American countries, and sang Spanish hymns at the Chapel. Come and join LASO and experience the richness on the Latino culture. Stay tuned for the next LASO meeting (will be printed in "Daily Announcements").

**LASO** se conforma de estudiantes de distintas culturas. Quieren experimentar y aprender de la cultura latinoamericana. Ellos celebran su comida, baile, historia y tradiciones a través de varias actividades durante el año escolar. Han bailado en la Fiesta Internacional, han tenido ventas de artesanía y recuerdos y más de varios países latinoamericanos y cantaron himnos en español en la capilla universitaria. Ven a ser miembro de LASO y experimentar la riqueza de la cultura latinoamericana. Que esté pendiente para la próxima reunión de LASO (saldrán en <<Daily Announcements>>).

President: Marisela Durán  
Vice President: Brian Meza  
Secretary: Alexia Montgomery  
Treasurer: Ashley Morales



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# Latin America Music

(LAS 3910/MUS 3910)



**Fall semester of 2008**, Dr. Lorenzo Florián will be teaching LAS 3910 / MUS 3910 (4sh), Latin America Music. This course will be taught T Th from 11:40-1:20 am in Carlson 42.

**Course Description:** This course explores the most important musical traditions in Latin America and the Caribbean Islands, concentrating on musical values and social styles as they pertain to different cultural groups: Amerindian, African, Mestizo-Criollo and Iberian-European. It compares musical styles in rural and urban areas and draws comparisons between different social groups.

**Course Goals:**

1. To listen to music attentively.
2. To learn to appreciate and recognize different musical styles and relate them to a particular culture and geographical area.
3. To broaden the understanding of different musical expressions through the comparative study of cultures.
4. To familiarize the student with the impact of Latin American Music in North American music.
5. To examine the impact of music in society and in the process of globalization and cultural diversity.

These courses fulfill part of the requirement for the Minor in Latin American Studies.  
It may also be used as an elective for the Major in Music.

## Latino and Latin American Studies

The minor in Latino and Latin American Studies is designed to provide students with the opportunity to broaden her/his knowledge of Hispanic/Latino life in the United States and its Latin American antecedents. This minor is interdisciplinary and, intended to complement a number of majors in other fields of study.

**Requirements for the minor:**

1. Prerequisite of SPAN 1020 or equivalent.
2. 18 semester hours beyond SPAN 1020 or equivalent.
3. Notes: Some course work for the Latin American emphasis may be done through the North Park program in Morelia, Mexico and the CCC Latin American Studies Program in San José, Costa Rica .
4. At least one course selected from LAS and at least one course selected from three of the four remaining areas comprising this minor, (SPAN, BTS, SOCA, COMM)

SPAN 2130 SOCA 2130	3 sh.....	<i>Mexican History and Culture</i> (fulfills Comparative Perspectives requirement)
SPAN 3300	2 sh.....	<i>Colonial Latin American Literature</i> Prerequisite: SPAN 3150 or equivalent
SPAN 3400	2 sh.....	<i>Contemporary Latin American Literature</i> Prerequisite: SPAN 3150 or equivalent
SPAN 3910 SPAN 4010	4 sh..... 4 sh.....	<i>Topics in Contemporary Latin American Literature</i> Prereq.: SPAN 3100, 3200, 3300 or 3400 Seminar in Spanish/L.A. Literature (Cervantes/García Márquez) Prerequisite: SPAN 3150 or equivalent
SPAN 3170	4sh.....	Cultures of Latin America
BTS 3910	4 sh.....	Topics: Latin American Christianity
BTS 2820 WS 2820 BTS 2810	4 sh..... 4sh.....	Hispanic Feminist Theology  Latino Religious Experience in the United States
LAS 3910 LAS 2730	4 sh..... 4 sh.....	<i>Topics in Latino and Latin American Studies</i> <i>Speaking Truth to Power: The Politics of Mexicans in America</i>
SOCA 2090	4 sh .....	<i>Race and Ethnicity</i>

COMM 2310	4 sh .....	<i>Cultural Diversity in Chicago</i>
COMM 3150	2 sh .....	<i>Latin America on Film</i>

# LATAMIN

<http://campus.northpark.edu/centers/latino/>

The Latin American Cultural Initiatives as part of the Urban and Multicultural Collaboratory at North Park University educates and promotes the richness of the Latino peoples and cultures enabling an understanding between all communities.

Our basic values include:

1. Educate others on Latino Cultures
2. Support Latino Students on the college path to success
3. Reduce prejudices and understanding and promote camaraderie between Latinos and the campus community
4. Grow spiritually as we share our common ground in Christ  
Uphold Latino values in a non-Latino society

The LATAMIN accomplishes these goals by bringing to campus performers, artists, and exhibitions that demonstrate the richness and variety of U.S. Latina/o culture, through curriculum development, and the sponsoring of lectures, colloquia, and conferences on special topics in Latino studies.

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