The Latin American Studies minor is an interdisciplinary minor that fosters an understanding and appreciation of Latin American culture, society, and history. Loyola’s Latin American Studies program offers students the freedom to take classes in a wide variety of disciplines (Mass Communication, Sociology, History, Religious Studies, Spanish and Biology), as well as the flexibility to tailor their study to the specific aspects of Latin America that most compel them.

**Organization and Governance:**

**The Latin American Studies Advisory Board**

The Latin American Studies Advisory Board includes faculty and staff from departments and offices related to the study of Latin America, the Caribbean and US-Latinos/as.

Further responsibilities of the Advisory Board include:

- Participating in the Advisory Board meetings.
- Approving requests of new LAS Advisory Board members.
- Approving new LAS courses to be submitted to the College of Humanities and Natural Sciences Curriculum Committee.
- Approving the Event Agenda for each academic year.
- Developing opportunities to promote Latin American Studies on campus and in the community.
- Electing the Chair of the Latin American Studies minor.

**Chair of the Latin American Studies Advisory Board**

The chair will be chosen by a majority vote of the Latin American Studies Advisory Board and will serve a three-year term. This term is renewable by a majority vote of the Latin American Studies Advisory Board.

The responsibilities of the chair of the Latin American Studies minor include:

- Calling and conducting meetings of the board.
- Overseeing publication of Latin American Studies information, including webpage, bulletin board, brochure and course lists.
- Serving as primary advisor for Latin American Studies minors.
- Coordinating the assessment process.
- Preserving student files.
- Writing letters of support for new course proposals.
Amending the Protocol:

This protocol may be amended by a majority vote of the Latin American Studies Advisory Board.

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