Southwest Studies (SWS) Minor

DECLARING THE SWS MINOR:
Coming soon! Spring 2023
Once approved, any advisor can declare the SWS Minor. Students can also email the SWS Advisor to declare the SWS Minor.

Interested in the minor? Email lauraowen@arizona.edu to be added to waiting list. Students can begin taking SWS courses while waiting for the minor to be declared.

SWS ADVISING:
SWS Minor Advisor: Laura Owen, email: lauraowen@arizona.edu

Students may book advising appointments with the SWS Minor Advisor through the Trellis Advising website: http://student.trellis.arizona.edu/. A meeting with the SWS Minor Advisor is recommended.

SWS MINOR REQUIREMENTS:
• Required: Minimum 18 total units
• Required: Minimum 9 units must be upper division (UD = 300-499 level)
• Required: 2.00 grade point average (GPA) across SWS Minor coursework
  o Take one (1) Required Core Course: SBS 300: Introduction to Southwest Studies - 3 UD units (Fall)
  o Take two (2) of the following core courses: - 6 units
    ▪ GEOG 250: Environment & Society in the Southwest Borderlands
    ▪ GEOG 408: Geography of Arizona and the Southwest
    ▪ ANTH 418: Southwest Land and Society
    ▪ ENGL 424: Studies in Southwest Literature
      ❖ Completion of foundations writing (ENGL 101 and 102 OR ENGL 109H OR ENGL 106 and 107 and 108) is required to take UD (300-499) ENGL classes
    ▪ HIST 446 – History of Arizona and the Southwest
  o Take three (3) elective courses - 9 units.
    ▪ See page 2 for a full list of elective course options
    ▪ NOTE: Directed research, practicum, or internship credit can be used in lieu of any one of these courses

SWS Minor courses (other than internship credit) may not be taken Pass/Fail

DOUBLE USE OF MINOR COURSEWORK:
SWS Minor courses may not be shared with any other major/minor within the same degree.
SWS Minor Elective Courses
Choose three (3) courses total from any of the following thematic areas; all are 3-unit courses

ENGL 228 – Crossing the Border: Literature and Practice
GEOG 252 – Global Borders, Migration and Refugees
LAS 354 – Drugs and Violence in Mexico
HIST 361 – The US-Mexico Border Region
GEOG/LAS 365 – Human Rights, Immigration Enforcement and the US-Mexico Borderlands Today
SPAN 449D – Topics in Border Stories
JOUR 473 – Reporting in the US-Mexico Borderlands
ANTH 484 – An Anthropology of Migration: Examining the Borderlands of the American Southwest and Mexican North

GWS 201 – Introduction to Chicana/Latina Studies
GWS 307 – Chicana Feminisms: History, Theory and Practice
GEOG 311A – Geography of Mexico
GEOG 311B – Geography of Central America
GEOG 312B – Native American Geography
MAS 319 – Mexican American Culture
MAS 332 – Politics of the Mexican American Community
HIST 335: Western America Law & Order 1785-1915
AIS 336 – History and Philosophy of the Diné People
HIST 343 – History of the Mexican American
HIST 345 – New American West
ANTH 346 – Clovis to Coronado: Archaeology of the Southwest
ANTH 347 – Native Peoples of the Southwest
HIST 368 – Colonial Mexico
HIST 369 – Mexico Since Independence
MAS 365 – Latinos and Latinas: Emerging Contemporary Issues
GEOG 408: Geography of Arizona and the Southwest
ANTH 413 – Ethnology of the Southwest
ANTH 423 – Anthropology of Rural Mexico
MAS 435 – Mexican Traditional Medicine
HIST 446 – History of Arizona and the Southwest
ANTH 447 – Pueblo Archaeology
ANTH 452R – Archaeology of the Southwest
AIS 450 American Indian Women
HIST 461 – The Spanish Conquest

HWRS 203 – Arizona Water Issues
ECOL 206 – Environmental Biology
GEOS 220 – Environmental History of the Southwest
ECOL 230 – Natural History of the Southwest
GEOG 250 – Environment & Society in the Southwest Borderlands
GEOG 304 – Water, Environment, and Society
GEOS 347 – The Colorado River: Hydrology, History, and Human Use
HIST 355: US Environmental History
GEOG 363 – Climate Change: Human Dimensions
GEOG 375 – Metropolitan Tucson
LAS 405 – Sabores de Mexico: From Farm to Table
GEOG 408: Geography of Arizona and the Southwest
ANTH 418: Southwest Land and Society
AIS 431A – Traditional Ecological Knowledge
MAS 423 – Latino Urbanization
AIS 441A – Natural Resource Management in Native Communities
HIST 442 – Natural Resources and the Law in the Spanish Borderlands of North America
ECOL 463 – Ecology and Natural History of the Sonoran Desert and Gulf of California
ARC 471N – Arid Region Urbanism-Arizona/Sonora

SPAN 220 – Immigration through Film
ENGL 278 – American Indian Literature
GWS 312 – Latina/o Pop: Race, Gender, Sexuality and Popular Culture
ARH 322 – Introduction to Prehispanic, Hispanic, and Chicano Art
MUS 337 – Survey of Mexican Folk Music
SPAN 341 – Translation and Interpretation: Social Justice and Practice
AIS 344 – Native Americans in Film
SPAN 403 – Major Works in Mexican and Mexican American Literature
SPAN 433 – Issues in Mexican and Mexican-American Culture
ARH 423A & B – The Art of Mexico
ENGL 424: Studies in Southwest Literature
ENGL 443 – Mexican-American Literature in English
SPAN 446 – Mexican and Mexican-American Theater
SPAN 448 – Mexican and Mexican American Film
SPAN 449C – Topics in Mexican and Mexican-American Literature and Cultural Studies
SPAN 449D – Topics in Border Studies
ENGL 449 – Folklore
AIS 452A – Mixed Media Stories: Stories in Text and Film
HIST 461 – The Spanish Conquest
ENGL 477 – Studies of Native American Literature
MAS 485 – Mexicana/Chicana Women’s History

GEOG 303 – Field Study in Environmental Geography
ANTH 407 – Ethnographic Field Methods
GWS 407 – Writing Queer Autohistoria
AIS 431A – Traditional Ecological Knowledge
ANTH 440A – Cultural Resource Management
AIS 448 – Producing and Assessing Social Research with Indian Communities
GEOG 462 – Environmental Law, Geography and Society
Internship, Practicum, or applied course

While not required, a directed research practicum or internship credit can be used in lieu of any one of the elective courses.

Students are encouraged to pursue directed research opportunities with SWS faculty and there may be some travel funding available. Students may earn credit through SBS 393, the Social and Behavioral Sciences internship credit, or through their home department. [https://sbs.arizona.edu/internships/sbs-393](https://sbs.arizona.edu/internships/sbs-393)

Contact the SWS Minor Advisor: Laura Owen, email: [lauraowen@arizona.edu](mailto:lauraowen@arizona.edu) who also runs SBS 393 internship credit. [https://sbs.arizona.edu/internships/sbs-393](https://sbs.arizona.edu/internships/sbs-393)

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