# The Latin American & Caribbean Studies Program

# offers a <u>Minor</u> that can support your Major in a health and human services field.

#### Are you interested in...

- promoting minority health equity?
- working with ethnically diverse families and communities?
- addressing health needs of immigrant populations?
- fostering mental health in minority populations?
- promoting advocacy for underserved populations?
- integrating multicultural history into practice?
- advancing healthy social policy?
- developing cultural competence?



If so, you might want to consider minoring in Latin American and Caribbean Studies. This minor <u>can help</u> prepare you for a successful career in nursing, public health, recreation, communication disorders, social work, healthcare, and other human services fields.

## Will you be prepared to serve the needs of everyone in your community?

- The United States' population is changing. According to the <u>Pew Research Center</u>, between 1970 and 2012, our nation's Hispanic population experienced a six-fold increase from 9.6 million to 53 million. As of 2022 the U.S. is home to 62.5 million Hispanics, who account for 19% of our nation's population, making Hispanics both the largest minority and the most rapidly growing minority in the United States.
- Students pursuing careers in health and human services would be well supported by a deep understanding of the nation's second largest ethnic group, including aspects related to culture, social and economic experience, health inequities, and identity.

The 18-credit *Latin American and Caribbean Studies minor* will help you to gain an appreciation of the multicultural, multiethnic, multilingual society we live in and will <u>prepare you to be effective in working across populations</u> in health and human services careers.

If you are interested in learning more about a minor that will give you a leg up in your profession, take a look here and here.

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