

CARIBBEAN STUDIES MINOR

College of Arts and Sciences

Program Website (<https://einaudi.cornell.edu/learn/academics/caribbean-studies-minor/>)

Program Information

The interdisciplinary Caribbean Studies Minor (CSM) prepares students to understand the region as a site foundational to modernity that remains essential to understanding the present. Courses offered by this minor are designed to provide students with the analytical framework necessary to understand the sociocultural, economic, and political forces that shape the region as well as how those forces—indigenous dispossession, slavery, capitalism—resonate well beyond the geographical space of the Caribbean. Interdisciplinary by nature, the CSM provides a structured yet flexible array of coursework that cuts across history, culture, and the social sciences. Courses in the arts and humanities draw attention to the historical import of the region; how the Caribbean is constructed across various sites and discourses; and how this construction shapes policy realms and everyday life. Social science perspectives illuminate tools for analyzing cultural heterogeneity; the roles of the state, civil society, and ethnic networks; and the way that Caribbean residents and migrants navigate their transnational realities. Students will be introduced to multiple methodologies and will have the opportunity to pursue research in the Caribbean or Caribbean diasporic communities.

The minor is offered collaboratively with courses from across the university through the Department of History, administered by the Latin American and Caribbean Studies Program. For more information on the minor and a list of approved courses, please see the program site (<https://einaudi.cornell.edu/learn/academics/caribbean-studies-minor/>).

Minor Requirements

- Five (5) approved courses, totaling at least 15 credits.
 - All courses must be taken for letter grades, and students must earn a B or higher.
 - No more than two of these elective courses may be counted simultaneously for multiple minors.
 - Students may request the inclusion of non-approved courses.
 - First-Year Writing Seminars do not count for the minor
- One course (1) should be taken in the Department of History