

# LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES (LAS)

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**LAS 101. Introduction to Latin American and Caribbean Studies. 3 Credit Hours.**

Course will focus on culture, economy, geography, history, politics, and society of Latin America and the Caribbean, as well as on the ways in which scholars have studied the region. LAS101 replaces LAS201.

**Components:** LEC.

**Grading:** GRD.

**Typically Offered:** Fall.

**LAS 110. Students in Latin America and the Caribbean. 1-3 Credit Hours.**

Latin American and Caribbean Studies Courses taken at other institutions with no direct equivalent.

**Components:** LEC.

**Grading:** GRD.

**Typically Offered:** Fall, Spring, & Summer.

**LAS 111. Studies in Latin America and the Caribbean. 1-3 Credit Hours.**

Latin American and Caribbean Studies Courses taken at other institutions with no direct equivalent.

**Components:** LEC.

**Grading:** GRD.

**Typically Offered:** Fall, Spring, & Summer.

**LAS 112. Studies in Latin America and the Caribbean. 1-3 Credit Hours.**

Latin American and Caribbean Studies Courses taken at other institutions with no direct equivalent.

**Components:** LEC.

**Grading:** GRD.

**Typically Offered:** Fall, Spring, & Summer.

**LAS 113. Studies in Latin America and the Caribbean. 1-3 Credit Hours.**

Latin American and Caribbean Studies Courses taken at other institutions with no direct equivalent.

**Components:** LEC.

**Grading:** GRD.

**Typically Offered:** Fall, Spring, & Summer.

**LAS 114. Studies in Latin America and the Caribbean. 1-3 Credit Hours.**

Latin American and Caribbean Studies Courses taken at other institutions with no direct equivalent.

**Components:** LEC.

**Grading:** GRD.

**Typically Offered:** Fall, Spring, & Summer.

**LAS 115. Studies in Latin America and the Caribbean. 1-3 Credit Hours.**

Latin American and Caribbean Studies Courses taken at other institutions with no direct equivalent.

**Components:** LEC.

**Grading:** GRD.

**Typically Offered:** Fall, Spring, & Summer.

**LAS 211. Studies in Latin America and the Caribbean. 1-3 Credit Hours.**

Latin American and Caribbean Studies Courses taken at other institutions with no direct equivalent.

**Components:** LEC.

**Grading:** GRD.

**Typically Offered:** Fall, Spring, & Summer.

**LAS 212. Studies in Latin America and the Caribbean. 1-3 Credit Hours.**

Latin American and Caribbean Studies Courses taken at other institutions with no direct equivalent.

**Components:** LEC.

**Grading:** GRD.

**Typically Offered:** Fall, Spring, & Summer.

**LAS 213. Studies in Latin America and the Caribbean. 1-3 Credit Hours.**

Latin American and Caribbean Studies Courses taken at other institutions with no direct equivalent.

**Components:** LEC.

**Grading:** GRD.

**Typically Offered:** Fall, Spring, & Summer.

**LAS 214. Studies in Latin America and the Caribbean. 1-3 Credit Hours.**

Latin American and Caribbean Studies Courses taken at other institutions with no direct equivalent.

**Components:** LEC.

**Grading:** GRD.

**Typically Offered:** Fall, Spring, & Summer.

**LAS 215. Studies in Latin America and the Caribbean. 1-3 Credit Hours.**

Latin American and Caribbean Studies Courses taken at other institutions with no direct equivalent.

**Components:** LEC.

**Grading:** GRD.

**Typically Offered:** Fall, Spring, & Summer.

**LAS 301. Interdisciplinary Topics in Latin American and Caribbean Studies. 3 Credit Hours.**

Topics vary, Interdisciplinary focus may be thematic (e.g.: revolutions, new social movements, women's rights, Latin Americanism, testimonio, culture industries, etc.) or regional/national (e.g.: Andean Studies, Southern Cone Studies, Caribbean Studies, Mexican Studies, etc.)

**Components:** SEM.

**Grading:** GRD.

**Typically Offered:** Spring.

**LAS 302. Interdisciplinary Topics in Latin American and Caribbean Studies-Travel Course. 3 Credit Hours.**

Topics vary, Interdisciplinary focus is thematic and regional (i.e. tourism in Yucatan; civil society in Chile, civil society in Haiti, cultural policy in the Caribbean, environmental policy in Panama.). Course involves travel during Spring Break and it has a program fee.

**Components:** LEC.

**Grading:** GRD.

**Typically Offered:** Spring.

**LAS 311. Studies in Latin America and the Caribbean. 1-3 Credit Hours.**

Latin American and Caribbean Studies Courses taken at other institutions with no direct equivalent.

**Components:** LEC.

**Grading:** GRD.

**Typically Offered:** Fall, Spring, & Summer.

**LAS 312. Studies in Latin America and the Caribbean. 1-3 Credit Hours.**

Latin American and Caribbean Studies Courses taken at other institutions with no direct equivalent.

**Components:** LEC.

**Grading:** GRD.

**Typically Offered:** Fall, Spring, & Summer.

**LAS 313. Studies in Latin America and the Caribbean. 1-3 Credit Hours.**

Latin American and Caribbean Studies Courses taken at other institutions with no direct equivalent.

**Components:** LEC.

**Grading:** GRD.

**Typically Offered:** Fall, Spring, & Summer.

**LAS 314. Studies in Latin America and the Caribbean. 1-3 Credit Hours.**

Latin American and Caribbean Studies Courses taken at other institutions with no direct equivalent.

**Components:** LEC.

**Grading:** GRD.

**Typically Offered:** Fall, Spring, & Summer.

**LAS 315. Studies in Latin America and the Caribbean. 1-3 Credit Hours.**

Latin American and Caribbean Studies Courses taken at other institutions with no direct equivalent.

**Components:** LEC.

**Grading:** GRD.

**Typically Offered:** Fall, Spring, & Summer.

**LAS 320. Special Topics in Latin American and Caribbean Environment. 3 Credit Hours.**

Topics vary. Interdisciplinary focus on policies and impact on globalization on the environment.

**Components:** LEC.

**Grading:** GRD.

**Typically Offered:** Offered by Announcement Only.

**LAS 321. Latin American Environmental Issues. 3 Credit Hours.**

A comprehensive course on Latin American and Caribbean environmental issues in their political, economic, and social dimensions.

**Components:** LEC.

**Grading:** GRD.

**Typically Offered:** Offered by Announcement Only.

**LAS 330. Special Topics in Latin American and Caribbean Religions. 3 Credit Hours.**

Topics vary. Interdisciplinary focus may be thematic or regional (eg: Liberation Theology, Latin American and Latino Religions, Caribbean Religions.)

**Components:** LEC.

**Grading:** GRD.

**Typically Offered:** Offered by Announcement Only.

**LAS 340. Special Topics in Latin American and Caribbean Economics. 3 Credit Hours.**

Topics vary. Focus may be thematic or regional, but will address issues in Latin American and Caribbean Economics and Economic Development.

**Components:** LEC.

**Grading:** GRD.

**Typically Offered:** Offered by Announcement Only.

**LAS 350. Special Topics in Latin American and Caribbean Art and Culture. 3 Credit Hours.**

Topics vary. Focus may be thematic or regional, but will address issues in Latin American and Caribbean Art and Culture.

**Components:** LEC.

**Grading:** GRD.

**Typically Offered:** Offered by Announcement Only.

**LAS 360. Special Topics in Latin American and Caribbean Politics. 3 Credit Hours.**

Topics Vary. Interdisciplinary focus may be thematic or regional (eg: democracy, new social movements, globalization, politics and society.)

**Components:** LEC.

**Grading:** GRD.

**Typically Offered:** Offered by Announcement Only.

**LAS 362. Drug Trafficking in Latin America and the Caribbean. 3 Credit Hours.**

This course introduces students to the study of drug trafficking in Latin America and the Caribbean and its relationship with organized crime, understanding both as important aspects in the dynamics of globalization, international relations, and domestic politics.

**Components:** LEC.

**Grading:** GRD.

**Typically Offered:** Offered by Announcement Only.

**LAS 370. Special Topics in Latin American and Caribbean Media and Communications. 3 Credit Hours.**

Topics vary. Focus may be thematic or regional, but will address issues in Latin American and Caribbean Media and Communication.

**Components:** LEC.

**Grading:** GRD.

**Typically Offered:** Offered by Announcement Only.

**LAS 385. Politics and Society in Latin America and the Caribbean. 3 Credit Hours.**

This course draws from the political science subdiscipline of comparative politics and the interdisciplinary fields of international studies and Latin American studies to analyze and evaluate the quality of democracy within the broader region of the Caribbean and Latin America. In its approach, the course examines the competing influence of current problems of democratic governance in the Caribbean and Latin America, including corruption, exclusion, inequality, poverty, as well as more recent drifts toward dealignment, illiberalism, the proliferation of organized crime, and forced migration. A survey of contending theoretical perspectives informs comparative analysis.

Prerequisite: LAS 101.

**Components:** LEC.

**Grading:** GRD.

**Typically Offered:** Spring.

**LAS 410. Studies in Latin America and the Caribbean. 1-3 Credit Hours.**

Latin American and Caribbean Studies Courses taken at other institutions with no direct equivalent.

**Components:** LEC.

**Grading:** GRD.

**Typically Offered:** Fall, Spring, & Summer.

**LAS 411. Studies in Latin America and the Caribbean. 1-3 Credit Hours.**

Latin American and Caribbean Studies Courses taken at other institutions with no direct equivalent.

**Components:** LEC.

**Grading:** GRD.

**Typically Offered:** Fall, Spring, & Summer.

**LAS 412. Studies in Latin America and the Caribbean. 1-3 Credit Hours.**

Latin American and Caribbean Studies Courses taken at other institutions with no direct equivalent.

**Components:** LEC.

**Grading:** GRD.

**Typically Offered:** Fall, Spring, & Summer.

**LAS 413. Studies in Latin America and the Caribbean. 1-3 Credit Hours.**

Latin American and Caribbean Studies Courses taken at other institutions with no direct equivalent.

**Components:** LEC.

**Grading:** GRD.

**Typically Offered:** Fall, Spring, & Summer.

**LAS 414. Studies in Latin America and the Caribbean. 1-3 Credit Hours.**

Latin American and Caribbean Studies Courses taken at other institutions with no direct equivalent.

**Components:** LEC.

**Grading:** GRD.

**Typically Offered:** Fall, Spring, & Summer.

**LAS 415. Studies in Latin America and the Caribbean. 1-3 Credit Hours.**

Latin American and Caribbean Studies Courses taken at other institutions with no direct equivalent.

**Components:** LEC.

**Grading:** GRD.

**Typically Offered:** Fall, Spring, & Summer.

**LAS 491. Debates on Current Issues in Latin American and Caribbean Studies. 3 Credit Hours.**

Content may vary from semester to semester. This is an upper level course to allow debate and discussion on current issues and events affecting Latin America, the Caribbean and Latino communities in the United States.

**Components:** LEC.

**Grading:** GRD.

**Typically Offered:** Offered by Announcement Only.

**LAS 494. Independent Study in Latin American and Caribbean Studies. 1-3 Credit Hours.**

Independent study leading to a thesis, original piece of research, or creative project on a Latin American or Caribbean subject.

**Components:** THI.

**Grading:** GRD.

**Typically Offered:** Fall, Spring, & Summer.

**LAS 495. Senior Honors Thesis I. 3 Credit Hours.**

This course pairs students with a faculty mentor to set and guide a research agenda in preparation for writing the senior honors thesis. Students will study advanced topics in Latin American and Caribbean Studies, according to faculty interests.

Prerequisite: LAS 101.

**Components:** IND.

**Grading:** GRD.

**Typically Offered:** Fall, Spring, & Summer.

**LAS 496. Senior Honors Thesis II. 3 Credit Hours.**

This course pairs students with a faculty mentor to guide the writing process for the senior honors thesis. Students will study advanced topics in Latin American and Caribbean Studies, according to faculty interests.

Prerequisite: LAS 101.

**Components:** IND.

**Grading:** GRD.

**Typically Offered:** Fall, Spring, & Summer.

**LAS 501. Interdisciplinary in Latin American and Caribbean. 3 Credit Hours.**

Interdisciplinary methods and politics of Latin American and Caribbean area studies.

**Components:** SEM.

**Grading:** GRD.

**Typically Offered:** Offered by Announcement Only.

**LAS 502. Research Design in Latin American Studies. 3 Credit Hours.**

Interdisciplinary research methods and skills in Latin American and Caribbean studies.

**Components:** LEC.

**Grading:** GRD.

**Typically Offered:** Offered by Announcement Only.

**LAS 503. Program Seminar in Latin American Studies and Caribbean Studies. 3 Credit Hours.**

Content of course will vary by semester.

**Components:** SEM.

**Grading:** GRD.

**Typically Offered:** Offered by Announcement Only.

**LAS 504. Interdisciplinary Topics in Latin American and Caribbean Studies - Travel Course.. 3 Credit Hours.**

Topics vary. Interdisciplinary focus is thematic and regional (e.g.: tourism in Yucatan; civil society in Chile, Haiti-Dominican Republic relations, cultural policy in the Caribbean, environmental policy in Panama.) Course involves travel during Spring Break and it has a program fee.

**Components:** LEC.

**Grading:** GRD.

**Typically Offered:** Offered by Announcement Only.

**LAS 505. Internship in Latin American and Caribbean Studies. 1-3 Credit Hours.**

On-site experience in business, governmental organization, or non-profit organization dealing with Latin America and/or the Caribbean.

**Components:** THI.

**Grading:** GRD.

**Typically Offered:** Fall, Spring, & Summer.

**LAS 506. Civic Engagement in Latin America. 1-3 Credit Hours.**

On site experience in a civic engagement project in Latin America or the Caribbean.

**Components:** IND.

**Grading:** GRD.

**Typically Offered:** Fall, Spring, & Summer.

**LAS 520. Interdisciplinary Topics in Latin American and Caribbean Environments. 3 Credit Hours.**

Topics vary. Interdisciplinary focus on policies and impact of globalization on the environment.

**Components:** LEC.

**Grading:** GRD.

**Typically Offered:** Offered by Announcement Only.

**LAS 521. Latin American Environmental Issues. 3 Credit Hours.**

A comprehensive course on Latin American and Caribbean environmental issues in their full political, economic, and social dimensions.

**Components:** LEC.

**Grading:** GRD.

**Typically Offered:** Offered by Announcement Only.

**LAS 530. Special Topics in Latin American and Caribbean Religions. 3 Credit Hours.**

Topics vary. Interdisciplinary focus may be thematic or regional (e.g., Liberation Theology, Latin American and Latino Religions, Caribbean Religions), but will address Latin American and Caribbean religion.

**Components:** LEC.

**Grading:** GRD.

**Typically Offered:** Offered by Announcement Only.

**LAS 540. Special Topics in Latin American and Caribbean Media and Communication. 3 Credit Hours.**

Topics vary. Interdisciplinary focus may be thematic or regional (e.g., global media, Spanish- or Portuguese-language television or radio, social media) but will address Latin American and Caribbean media and communication.

**Components:** LEC.

**Grading:** GRD.

**Typically Offered:** Offered by Announcement Only.

**LAS 550. Special Topics in Latin American and Caribbean Art and Culture. 3 Credit Hours.**

Topics vary. Interdisciplinary focus may be thematic or regional, but will address Latin American and Caribbean Art & Culture.

**Components:** LEC.

**Grading:** GRD.

**Typically Offered:** Offered by Announcement Only.

**LAS 560. Special Topics in Latin American and Caribbean Politics. 3 Credit Hours.**

Topics vary. Interdisciplinary focus may be thematic or regional (e.g., democracy, new social movements, globalization, politics and society), but will address Latin American and Caribbean politics.

**Components:** LEC.

**Grading:** GRD.

**Typically Offered:** Offered by Announcement Only.

**LAS 580. Special Topics in Latin American and Caribbean History. 3 Credit Hours.**

Topics vary. Interdisciplinary focus may be thematic or regional, but will address the history of political, social and economic development in Latin America and the Caribbean.

**Components:** LEC.

**Grading:** GRD.

**Typically Offered:** Offered by Announcement Only.

**LAS 591. Debates on Current Issues in Latin American and Caribbean Studies. 3 Credit Hours.**

Content may vary from semester to semester. This is a graduate course to allow debate and discussion on current issues and events affecting Latin America, the Caribbean, and Latino communities in the United States.

**Components:** LEC.

**Grading:** GRD.

**Typically Offered:** Offered by Announcement Only.

**LAS 601. Politics, Societies, and Cultures of Latin America and the Caribbean. 3 Credit Hours.**

A graduate-level introduction to the interdisciplinary study of Latin America and the Caribbean.

**Components:** SEM.

**Grading:** GRD.

**Typically Offered:** Fall.

**LAS 602. Research Design in Latin American Studies. 3 Credit Hours.**

Interdisciplinary research methods and skills in Latin American and Caribbean studies.

**Components:** LEC.

**Grading:** GRD.

**Typically Offered:** Spring.

**LAS 603. Program Seminar in Latin American Studies and Caribbean Studies. 3 Credit Hours.**

Content of course will vary by semester.

**Components:** SEM.

**Grading:** GRD.

**Typically Offered:** Offered by Announcement Only.

**LAS 604. Interdisciplinary Topics in Latin American and Caribbean Studies - Travel Course.. 3 Credit Hours.**

Topics vary. Interdisciplinary focus is thematic and regional (e.g.: tourism in Yucatan; civil society in Chile, Haiti-Dominican Republic relations, cultural policy in the Caribbean, environmental policy in Panama.) Course involves travel during Spring Break and it has a program fee.

**Components:** LEC.

**Grading:** GRD.

**Typically Offered:** Offered by Announcement Only.

**LAS 605. Internship in Latin American and Caribbean Studies. 1-3 Credit Hours.**

On-site experience in business, governmental organization, or non-profit organization dealing with Latin America and/or the Caribbean.

**Components:** THI.

**Grading:** GRD.

**Typically Offered:** Fall, Spring, & Summer.

**LAS 606. Civic Engagement in Latin America. 1-3 Credit Hours.**

On site experience in a civic engagement project in Latin America or the Caribbean.

**Components:** IND.

**Grading:** GRD.

**Typically Offered:** Fall, Spring, & Summer.

**LAS 620. Interdisciplinary Topics in Latin American and Caribbean Environments. 3 Credit Hours.**

Topics vary. Interdisciplinary focus on policies and impact of globalization on the environment.

**Components:** LEC.

**Grading:** GRD.

**Typically Offered:** Offered by Announcement Only.

**LAS 630. Special Topics in Latin American and Caribbean Religions. 3 Credit Hours.**

Topics vary. Interdisciplinary focus may be thematic or religion (e.g., Liberation Theology, Latin American and Latino Religions, Caribbean Religions), but will address Latin American and Caribbean religion.

**Components:** LEC.

**Grading:** GRD.

**Typically Offered:** Offered by Announcement Only.

**LAS 640. Special Topics in Latin American and Caribbean Media and Communication. 3 Credit Hours.**

Topics vary. Interdisciplinary focus may be thematic or religion (e.g. Global media, Spanish- or Portuguese- language television or radio, social media), but will address Latin American and Caribbean Media and Communication.

**Components:** LEC.

**Grading:** GRD.

**Typically Offered:** Offered by Announcement Only.

**LAS 650. Special Topics in Latin American and Caribbean Art and Culture. 3 Credit Hours.**

Topics vary. Interdisciplinary focus may be thematic or religion, but will address Latin American and Caribbean art and culture.

**Components:** LEC.

**Grading:** GRD.

**Typically Offered:** Offered by Announcement Only.

**LAS 660. Special Topics in Latin American and Caribbean Politics. 3 Credit Hours.**

Topics vary. Interdisciplinary focus may be thematic or religion (e.g., democracy, new social movements, globalization, politics and society), but will address Latin American and Caribbean politics.

**Components:** LEC.

**Grading:** GRD.

**Typically Offered:** Offered by Announcement Only.

**LAS 680. Special Topics in Latin American and Caribbean History. 3 Credit Hours.**

Topics vary. Interdisciplinary focus may be thematic or religion, but will address the history of political, social and economic development in Latin America and the Caribbean.

**Components:** LEC.

**Grading:** GRD.

**Typically Offered:** Offered by Announcement Only.

**LAS 681. Graduate Seminar on Public Health: Latin America and the Caribbean. 3 Credit Hours.**

A variety of contemporary global public health issues and policy challenges confronting Latin America and the Caribbean, considering large and small states. We will explore the broader relationship of global public health topics to the political, economic, social, cultural, ethical, ecological, environmental, and technological factors.

**Components:** SEM.

**Grading:** GRD.

**Typically Offered:** Offered by Announcement Only.

**LAS 684. Global Public Health: Harnessing Theoretical Prep with Health Diplomacy and Practical Exper. 3 Credit Hours.**

For students with a genuine interest in global public health and a regional focus in Latin America or the Caribbean. Students will have the opportunity to examine global health issues, programs, projects, policies and ethical dilemmas considering different methods used to study the challenges and successes in global public health work. This course will expose students to the integration of western and health care, as well as the economic, political, social, cultural, environmental, ecological and technological components of their lives that directly or indirectly influence public health outcomes at the community level. Furthermore, students will have a unique opportunity to interact with families and community organizations and programs in the remote villages as well as families residing in urban communities. This will provide greater insights into the epidemiologic, nutrition, lifestyle and socio-economic transitions which bring both positive and negative impacts on health and wellbeing. Students will also learn about importance of health diplomacy and health security within a globalized world through interactions with local policy makers and community members while in the country.

**Components:** FLD.

**Grading:** GRD.

**Typically Offered:** Offered by Announcement Only.

**LAS 691. Debates on Current Issues in Latin American and Caribbean Studies. 3 Credit Hours.**

Content may vary from semester to semester. This is a graduate course to allow debate and discussion on current issues and events affecting Latin America, the Caribbean, and Latino communities in the United States.

**Components:** LEC.

**Grading:** GRD.

**Typically Offered:** Offered by Announcement Only.

**LAS 694. Directed Readings in Latin America and Caribbean. 1-6 Credit Hours.**

Independent Study leading to an original piece of research, or creative project on a Latin American or Caribbean interdisciplinary topic.

**Components:** THI.

**Grading:** GRD.

**Typically Offered:** Fall, Spring, & Summer.

**LAS 697. Readings for the Comprehensive Exam. 1-6 Credit Hours.**

Readings for M.A. students who are preparing for comprehensive examinations.

**Components:** THI.

**Grading:** GRD.

**Typically Offered:** Fall, Spring, & Summer.

**LAS 810. Pre-candidacy thesis credits. 1-6 Credit Hours.**

The student working on his/her master's thesis enrolls for credit, not to exceed three, before student has been admitted to candidacy. Credit is not awarded until the thesis has been accepted.

**Components:** THI.

**Grading:** SUS.

**Typically Offered:** Fall, Spring, & Summer.

**LAS 815. Post-candidacy thesis credits. 1-6 Credit Hours.**

The student working on his/her master's thesis enrolls for credit, not to exceed six, after student has been admitted to candidacy. Credit is not awarded until the thesis has been accepted.

**Components:** THI.

**Grading:** GRD.

**Typically Offered:** Fall, Spring, & Summer.

**LAS 820. Research in residence.. 1 Credit Hour.**

Used to establish research in residence for the thesis for the master's degree after the student has enrolled for the permissible cumulative total in LAS 710 (usually six credits). Credit not granted. May be regarded as full time residence.

**Components:** THI.

**Grading:** GRD.

**Typically Offered:** Fall, Spring, & Summer.