

# Major Plan of Study

## Major in Latino & Latin American Studies

The major in Latino and Latin American Studies consists of a minimum of 37 credit hours of course work. In addition, intermediate proficiency in a language spoken in Latin America, though not a prerequisite for major study, must be demonstrated for completion of the major for students focusing on Latin America, and proficiency in Spanish is strongly suggested for those focusing on Latinos in the U.S.

## Minor in Latino Studies

The interdisciplinary minor in Latino Studies advances a critical understanding of Latinos as an integral social and cultural component of the U.S. society and of the American hemisphere. Since it employs interdisciplinary research methods, this minor enhances a variety of majors and fields of study.

## Minor in Latin American Studies

The interdisciplinary minor in Latin American Studies offers a basic understanding of the peoples and cultures of Latin America and the Caribbean, their histories and contemporary economic, social, and political problems, and their relations with the United States.

*For more information, or to complete a plan of study,*

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## Graduate Courses:

### LLAS 5105 - Special Topics: The Puerto Rican Catastrophe

*Instructor: Charles Venator*

*Online*

This course provides students with a historical overview of Puerto Rico's territorial status as well as with a discussion of the recent debates over the responses to various crises in the island. The course will focus on how a narrative of catastrophe has been used to describe the living conditions of the island's residents.

### LLAS 5525 - Race, Immigration, and Reproduction

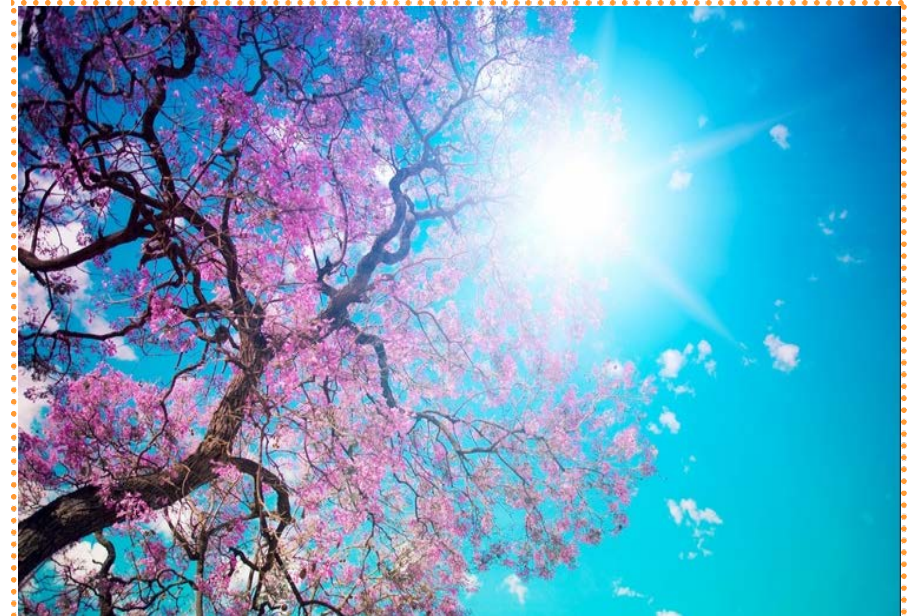
*Instructor: Marysol Asencio*

*Distance Learning M 11:15AM-1:45PM*

This interdisciplinary course considers intersections of race, immigration, and reproduction within the United States and in a transnational context.

### LLAS 5390 - Independent Study in Latino and Latin American Studies

*By Arrangement*



Latino and Latin American Studies (LLAS)

# Course Listings

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## LLAS Courses

### **LLAS 1009 – Latino Literature, Culture and Society**

*Instructor: Charles Label*

*Distance learning M/W/F 12:20-1:10PM*

Critical approaches to Latinos/as and cultural representation, production, and agency, as impacted by globalization and local dynamics. Will engage the value and function of race, gender and sexuality in popular culture, literature, film, music, digital culture, visual arts, and urban culture. Taught in English. Knowledge of Spanish is not re-quired. CA 1. CA 4.

### **LLAS 1190 – Introduction to Latin American and the Caribbean**

*Instructor: Rodolfo Fernandez.*

*Distance Learning Tu/Th 11:00-12:15PM*

Multidisciplinary exploration of the historical development of such aspects of Latin America and the Caribbean as colonization and nation formation; geography and the environment; immigration and migration; race, ethnicity, and gender in society, politics, economy, and culture. CA 1. CA 4-INT.

### **LLAS 1190W-001 –Introduction to Latin American and the Caribbean**

*Instructor: Rodolfo Fernandez*

*Distance Learning Tu/Th 2:00-3:15PM*

Multidisciplinary exploration of the historical development of such aspects of Latin America and the Caribbean as colonization and nation formation; geography and the environment; immigration and migration; race, ethnicity, and gender in society, politics, economy, and culture. CA 1. CA 4-INT.

### **LLAS 1190W-002 – Introduction to Latin American and the Caribbean**

*Instructor: Anne Gebelein*

*In Person Tu/Th 11:00AM-12:15PM*

Multidisciplinary exploration of the historical development of such aspects of Latin America and the Caribbean as colonization and nation formation; geography and the environment; immigration and migration; race, ethnicity, and gender in society, politics, economy, and culture. CA 1. CA 4-INT.

### **LLAS 2474 Economic Development**

*Instructor: Jorge Aguero*

*Distance Learning Tu/Th 9:30-10:45AM*

Survey of the economic history of Latin America and the Caribbean. Analysis of present-day development issues in the region, including economic growth, poverty, education, and health.

### **LLAS 3619W History of the Caribbean**

*Instructor: Melina Pappademos*

*Distance Learning Tu/Th 2:00PM-3:15PM*

Encounter experience; slavery, antislavery mobilization, and abolitionism; colonialism; citizenship and nation building; race and gender; political cultures and movements; migration/immigration; cultural production; and political economy; topics will be examined from a historical perspective. CA 1. CA 4-INT.

### **LLAS 3635 - History of Modern Mexico**

*Instructor: Rodolfo Fernandez*

*Distance Learning Tu/Th 3:30-4:45PM*

The emergence of modern Mexico from independence to the present with emphasis on the Revolution of 1910. CA 1. CA 4-INT.

## LLAS Courses

### **LLAS 3998-001 – Variable Topics in LLAS: Human Rights/Mexican Border**

*Instructor: Anne Gebelein*

*In Person Tu/Th 12:30PM-1:45PM*

Narratives of im/migrant, civil and human rights told by people of Mexican and Central American origin. Stories, film, and autobiographies are considered in juxtaposition with documentation about human rights concerns in the U.S. and Mexico. Border-crossing, asylum, detention, slavery, children's rights, femicide, and the border wall are prominent themes.

### **LLAS 3998-003 – Variable Topics in LLAS: Womens Health in Latinx & Afroamerican Communities**

*Instructor: Yvette Martas*

*Online*

Health care issues and disparities experienced by women in Latinx and Afro American communities. Course will include clinical and social understandings of health issues, a brief primer in anatomy and physiology, and discussions of how to advance health outcomes for all women. The course will include historical and contemporary perspectives. No prerequisites.

### **LLAS 3998-006 – Variable Topics in LLAS: The Puerto Rican Catastrophe**

*Instructor: Charles Venator*

*Online*

This course provides students with a historical overview of Puerto Rico's territorial status as well as with a discussion of the recent debates over the responses to various crises in the island. The course will focus on how a narrative of catastrophe has been used to describe the living conditions of the island's residents.

### **LLAS 4320–Media and Diverse Audiences**

*Instructor: Diana Rios*

*Online*

Issues of race, ethnicity, culture, class, gender, and sexuality in mainstream and alternative media. Analysis of how diverse groups use the media, are represented in, and interpret media content.

### **LLAS 4470 - Soap Opera/Telenovela**

*Instructor: Diana Rios*

*Online*

Socio-cultural functions of soap operas/telenovelas as mediated serials constructed by commercial organizations and consumed by United States and global audiences.

### **LLAS 4994W - Latin Amer Studies Research Seminar**

*Instructor: Anne Gebelein*

*In Person W 12:20PM-2:50PM*

Capstone course in which majors and minors in Latin American Studies design, execute and write up original, library-based research on Latin America. Some readings may be in Spanish or Portuguese.