



Latino and Latin American Studies (LLAS)

# Course Listings

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# LLAS Courses

## **LLAS 1000 – Introduction to Latina/o Studies**

*Instructor: Aldana Marquez, Beatriz*

*(In Person) M/W/F 10:10 am—11:00 am*

Interdisciplinary examination of the Latina/o experience and impact across the United States. Consideration of behavioral, institutional, and societal perspectives; national and transnational identity; cultural, legal, and educational issues.

*With discussion sections on Fridays (10:10 am - 11:00 am OR 11:15 am - 12:05 pm).*

CA 2. CA 4.

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

*Instructor: Gonzalez Seligmann, Katerina*

*(Hybrid) M/W/F 2:30 pm — 3:20 pm*

*Combined Course: SPAN 1009*

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 required. CA 1. CA 4.

## **LLAS 1190 — Introduction to Latin America and the Caribbean**

*Instructor: Fernandez, Rodolfo*

*(In Person) M/W/F 11:15 am — 12:05 pm*

*Combined Course: HIST 1600*

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. *With discussion sections on Fridays (11:15 am - 12:05 pm OR 12:20 pm - 1:10 pm).* CA 1. CA 4-INT.

## **LLAS 1190W - Introduction to Latin America & the Caribbean**

*Instructor: Fernandez, Rodolfo*

*(In Person) M/W/F 1:25 pm - 2:15 pm*

*Combined Course: HIST 1600W*

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 1570 - Migrant Workers in Connecticut**

*Instructor: Gebelein, Anne*

*(In Person) W 2:30 pm — 5:30 pm*

*Combined Course: HIST 1570*

Interdisciplinary honors course on the life and work experiences of contemporary Latin American and Caribbean migrant workers with focus on Connecticut.

Integrated service learning component. Field trips required. CA 1. CA 4.

# LLAS Courses

## **LLAS 2450 – Human Rights in Latin America**

*Instructor: Gebelein, Anne*

*(In Person) Tu/Th 2:00 pm — 3:15 pm*

*Combined Course: HRTS 2450*

Fundamental concepts and recurrent challenges of human rights in Latin America.

Enrollment Requirements: Not open for credit to students who have passed LLAS 3998 or HRTS 3298 when offered as "Human Rights in Latin America."

## **LLAS 3220 – History of Latinos/as in the United States**

*Instructor: Amador, Emma*

*(In Person) Tu/Th 9:30 am — 10:45 am*

*Combined Course: HIST 3674*

Settlement and growth of Hispanic-origin populations in the United States today, from Spanish and Mexican settlement of the western United States to the growth of Latino communities. Student oral history project. CA 1. CA 4.

## **LLAS 3232 – Latina/o Literature**

*Instructor: ENGL STAFF*

*(In Person) M/W 12:20 pm — 1:10 pm*

*Combined Course: ENGL 3605*

Extensive readings in Latina/o literature from the late nineteenth century to the present. CA 4.

Enrollment Requirements: ENGL 1007 or 1010 or 1011, or instructor consent; open to juniors or higher.

## **LLAS 3241 - Latin American Minorities in the United States**

*Instructor: Ruiz, Camilo*

*(In Person) Tu/Th 9:30 am - 10:45 am*

*Combined Course: ANTH 3041*

Emphasis on groups of Mexican, Puerto Rican and Cuban origin, including treatment and historical background, social stratification, informal social relations, ethnic perceptions, relations and the concept of Latino identity.

## **LLAS 3271 – Immigration and Transborder Politics**

*Instructor: Charles Venator*

*(In Person) M/W/F 10:10 am - 11:00 am*

*Combined Course: POLS 3834*

U.S. immigration policy, trans-border politics, and the impact diasporas and ethnic lobbies have on U.S. foreign policy, with emphasis on Latino diasporas.

Enrollment Requirements: Open to juniors or higher.

# LLAS Courses

## **LLAS 3320 – Media and Diverse Audiences**

*Instructor: Diana Rios*

*Online Asynchronous*

*Combined Course: COMM 3320*

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.

Enrollment Requirements: Open to juniors or higher. Recommended preparation: COMM 1000, 2300 or 2600.

## **LLAS 3321 – Latinas and Media**

*Instructor: Diana Rios*

*Online Asynchronous*

*Combined Course: COMM & WGSS 3321*

The role of ethnicity and race in women's lives. Special attention to communication research on ethnic and racial minority women. CA 4. Formerly offered as LLAS 3264/ WGSS 3260. Enrollment Requirements: Open to juniors or higher.

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

*Instructor: Rodolfo Fernandez*

*(Hybrid) M/W 4:40 pm - 5:55 pm*

*Combined Course: HIST 3635*

The emergence of modern Mexico from independence to the present with emphasis on the Revolution of 1910. CA 1. CA 4-INT. HB format teach on Mondays in Hartford campus and Wednesdays in Storrs campus.

Enrollment Requirements: Recommended preparation: HIST 3607.

## **LLAS 3675 – Latina History and Biography**

*Instructor: Emma Amador*

*(In Person) Tu/Th 12:30 pm - 1:45 pm*

*Combined Course: HIST & WGSS 3675*

Examination of the history of Latinas in the US with a focus on women, gender, and sexuality. Students will consider how historians use oral histories, life histories, memoirs, biographies, and testimonials as sources to restore Latinas to histories from which they were previously omitted. CA 1. CA 4.

## **LLAS 3998-002 – Cuir/Queer Américas: A Hemispheric Approach**

*Instructor: Salvador Vidal-Ortiz*

*(In Person) Tu/Th 12:30 pm - 1:45 pm*

*Combined Course: LLAS 5105*

Hemispheric examination of queer studies, moving beyond early considerations of how translatable the field is from one region to another; to considering its unique ability to be a lens with which to analyze knowledge production, power dynamics, and social worlds.

# List of Related Courses

## ❖ **ARTH 1141: From Sun Gods to Lowriders: Introduction to Latin American Art**

*Instructor: Greeley, Robin*

*In Person (M/W 12:30pm - 1:45pm)*

Survey of Latin American art from 200 B.C. to the present. CA 1. CA 4-INT.

## ❖ **SPAN 3204: Language and Culture of U.S. Hispanics**

*Instructor: Irizarry, Guillermo*

*Hybrid (M/W 2:30pm - 3:20pm)*

Comparison of linguistic, historical and cultural backgrounds of various Hispanic groups in the U.S. through fiction, non-fiction, films, music, and guest speakers.

**Enrollment Requirements:** SPAN 1004 or instructor consent.

## ❖ **SPAN 3250 – Film in Spain and Latin America**

*Instructor: Urios-Aparisi, Eduardo*

*Online Asynchronous*

*Film language and genre in Spanish and Latin American cinema. Taught in English. CA 1. CA 4-INT.*

## ❖ **SPAN 3265: Literature of Puerto Rico and the Spanish Caribbean**

*Instructor: Tennyson, Michelle*

*Hybrid (M/W 1:25pm - 2:15pm)*

Readings and discussions of major authors and works of the Spanish Caribbean with special emphasis on Puerto Rico.

**Enrollment Requirements:** Recommended preparation: SPAN 3178 or instructor consent.

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# Major/Minor in LLAS

## **Major in Latino & Latin American Studies**

The major in LLAS allows students to explore their interests in Latin American, Caribbean, and Latine peoples. Students learn research methods, apply them to community settings, design original capstone projects, and mix and match courses across disciplines. In this way, students craft unique intellectual profiles and resumes.

## **Minor in Latino Studies**

The interdisciplinary minor in Latino Studies advances a critical understanding of Latinos as an integral social and cultural component of U.S. society and the American hemisphere. Since it employs multidisciplinary 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, 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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