



**Latino and Latin American
Studies (LLAS)**

Course Listings

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LLAS Courses

LLAS 1000 – Introduction to Latina/o Studies

Instructor: Vidal-Ortiz, S.

In Person | M/W/F 11:15 am – 12:05 pm

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 (11:15 am - 12:05 pm OR 12:20 pm - 1:10 pm).* CA 2. CA 4. **Topics of Inquiry:** TOI3: Div, Equity, Soc Just, TOI5: Indiv Values Soc Inst

LLAS 1009 – Latino Literature, Culture, and Society

Instructor: Villalba Rosado, C.

In Person | Tu/Th 11:00 am - 12:15 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.

Topics of Inquiry: TOI2: Cultural Dimen Human Exp, TOI3: Div, Equity, Soc Just

LLAS 1190 — Introduction to Latin America and the Caribbean

Instructor: Fernandez, R.

In Person | M/W/F 2:30 pm – 3:20 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 (2:30 pm – 3:20 pm OR 3:35 pm – 4:25 pm).* CA 1. CA 4-INT.

Topics of Inquiry: TOI2: Cultural Dimen Human Exp, TOI3: Div, Equity, Soc Just

LLAS 1190W — Introduction to Latin America and the Caribbean

Instructor: Gebelein, A.

In Person | T/Th 2:00pm - 3:15pm

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.

Topics of Inquiry: TOI2: Cultural Dimen Human Exp, TOI3: Div, Equity, Soc Just

LLAS 1190W — Intro. to Latin America and the Caribbean

Instructor: Vásquez-Marchant, C.

In Person | T/Th 9:30am - 10:45am

Combined Course: HIST 1600W

LLAS 1190W — Intro. to Latin America and the Caribbean

Instructor: Vásquez-Marchant, C.

In Person | T/Th 12:30pm - 1:45pm

Combined Course: HIST 1600W

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LLAS 1630W - Latin American Histories through Popular Cultures

Instructor: Fernandez, R.

In Person | M/W 12:30pm - 1:45pm

Combined Course: HIST 1630W

A consideration of art and popular culture as vehicles for understanding Latin American history from the late 1800's to today. Dynamic primary sources such as songs, films, carnival parades or professional soccer matches, television programs, and works of art will serve as case studies that students will analyze, contextualize, and historicize. Each week considers a different time period and focuses on a particular political, economic, or social movement or ideological trend, using a cultural text of the era to understand each. CA1. **Topics of Inquiry:** TO11: Creativity: Des, Expr, Innv, TO12: Cultural Dimen Human Exp

LLAS 2011W - Introduction to Latino-American Writing and Research

Instructor: Mercado-Irizarry, S.

Online Synchronous | M/W 4:40pm - 5:55pm

Students refine writing skills and learn how and where to conduct transnational academic research on the Latino-American experience. Interdisciplinary approaches, historical background of Latino American studies. CA 4. **Enrollment Requirements:** ENGL 1007 or 1010 or 1011 or instructor consent; open to sophomores or higher.

Topics of Inquiry: TO13: Div, Equity, Soc Just

LLAS 2012 - Latinos in Connecticut: Serving the Community

Instructor: Gebelein, A.

In Person | W 1:25pm - 4:25pm

Students partner with Latino agencies to apply research and writing skills to community needs. Community theory, digital literacy, historical background of CT Latinos, contemporary issues that impact the population. Service-learning component: assisting the Hispanic Health Council with patient surveys in Hartford, Connecticut. **Enrollment Requirements:** Open to sophomores or higher. Recommended preparation: LLAS 2011W.

LLAS 2630 - Role Playing History: The Mexican Revolution

Instructor: Fernandez, R.

In Person | M/W 4:40pm - 5:55pm

Combined Course: HIST 3674

Students study the early history of Mexico as preparation for immersive role-playing its Revolution. Students recreate interactions among figures of the nation's civil war, and then apply lessons of imaginative dialogue to a historical assessment of the war and its aftermath. CA 1. **Topics of Inquiry:** TO11: Creativity: Des, Expr, Innv, TO13: Div, Equity, Soc Just

LLAS 3029 - The Caribbean

Instructor: Shemer, N.

In Person | Tu/Th 11:00 am - 12:15 pm

Combined Course: ANTH 3029

Comparative perspectives on the cultural formation of Caribbean societies; the region's demographic, economic and political links with the wider world.

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

Instructor: HIST Adjunct

In Person | Tu/Th 3:30 pm – 4:45 pm

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. **Topics of Inquiry:** TOI2: Cultural Dimen Human Exp, TOI3: Div, Equity, Soc Just

LLAS 3230 – Latina Narrative

Instructor: Mercado-Irizarry, S. Online Synchronous | M/W/F 3:35 pm - 4:25 pm

Combined Course: WGSS 3258

Feminist topics in contemporary Latina literature and cultural studies.

Enrollment Requirements: ENGL 1007 or 1010 or 1011.

LLAS 3265 – Literature of Puerto Rico and the Spanish Caribbean

Instructor: LCL Adjunct

In Person | M/W 11:15am - 12:05pm

Combined Course: SPAN 3265

Readings and discussions of major authors and works of the Spanish Caribbean with special emphasis on Puerto Rico **(taught in Spanish)**.

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

LLAS 3320 – Media and Diverse Audiences

Instructor: Rios, D.

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. Formerly offered as COMM/LLAS 4320.

Enrollment Requirements: Open to juniors or higher.

LLAS 3322 – Soap Opera/Telenovela

Instructor: Rios, D.

Online Asynchronous

Combined Course: COMM 3322

Socio-cultural functions of soap operas/telenovelas as mediated serials constructed by commercial organizations and consumed by United States and global audiences. **Enrollment Requirements:** Open to juniors or higher.

LLAS 3525 – Latino Sociology

Instructor: Aldana Marquez, B.

In Person | Tu/Th 12:30 pm - 1:45 pm

Combined Course: SOCI 3525

The economic, social, political, and cultural experiences of Latinos in the United States. CA 2. CA 4. **Topics of Inquiry:** TOI3: Div, Equity, Soc Just, TOI5: Indiv Values Soc Inst

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LLAS 3602 - Human Rights on the U.S./Mexican Border: Narratives of the Immigrant Experience

Instructor: Gebelein, A.

In Person | Tu/Th 11:00 am - 12:15 pm

Combined Course: HRTS 3602

A view of the U.S./Mexican border from the perspective of immigrants and border residents. Course considers autobiography, film and documentary, poetry, fiction and non-fiction in the context of human and civil rights concerns on both sides of the border. Students analyze the effectiveness of narrative and representational strategies, activist interventions, and national and international responses to the needs of migrants and border dwellers. Through border, narrative and human rights theories, students piece together a global conversation on migrant rights.

Enrollment Requirements: ENGL 1007 or 1010 or 1011.

LLAS 3660W – History of Migration in Las Americas

Instructor: Amador, E.

In Person | Tu/Th 12:30pm - 1:45pm

Combined Course: HIST 3660W

Applies broad chronological and spatial analyses of origins of migration in the Americas to the experiences of people of Latin American origin in Connecticut. Addresses a range of topics from the initial settlement of the Americas to 21st century migrations. CA 1. CA 4. **Enrollment Requirements:** ENGL 1007 or 1010 or 1011; open to juniors or higher. **Topics of Inquiry:** TOI2: Cultural Dimen Human Exp, TOI3: Div, Equity, Soc Just

Variable Topics in Latino and Latin American Studies

LLAS 3998-002 – The United States in Latin America

Instructor: Seligmann, K.G.

In Person | Tu/Th 3:30 pm - 4:45 pm

Combined Course: SPAN 3208

The United States has had a great economic and political impact in Latin America from the nineteenth century to the present. Latin American artists and intellectuals have responded to this impact with a vast repertoire of representing the role the United States has played in shaping the political and economic realities of the region. This course **(taught in Spanish)** examines works of essay, documentary, memoir, fiction, poetry, visual art, and music that responds to the presence of the United States in Latin America from the late nineteenth-century to the present.

LLAS 3998-003 – Perspective on Civilian Law

Instructor: Oquendo, A.

Online Synchronous | Tu 4:00 pm – 6:30 pm

Combined Course: POLS 2998

Students will explore the civilian legal system of Latin America besides that of Continental Europe. They will view it from the perspective of the United States model. The course will foreground several fields: constitutional, civil, procedural, and commercial law. It will analyze them with a focus on human rights.

List of Related Courses

HIST 2650 - History of Urban Latin America

Instructor: Healey, M.

In Person M/W 4:40 pm - 5:55 pm | Cross-listed course: URBN 2650

This course explores the development of Latin American cities, emphasizing social, political, physical, and environmental changes from the Spanish conquest to the present. CA 1.

SPAN 3250 - Film in Spain and Latin America

Instructor: Loss, J.

Online Asynchronous

This course examines the history and development of cinema in Spain and Latin America, focusing on major films, directors, and movements that have shaped the cinematic landscape of these regions. CA 1. CA 4-INT. **Topics of Inquiry:** TOI2: Cultural Dimen Human Exp, TOI3: Div, Equity, Soc Just

You can explore additional courses by searching the History and Spanish department in the course catalog.



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Major / Minor in LLAS

Major in Latino & Latin American Studies

The major in LLAS allows students to explore their interests as they pertain to Latin American, Caribbean and Latine peoples. Students learn research methods, apply them to community settings, design original capstone projects, & can mix and match courses across disciplines.

In this way students craft unique intellectual profiles & resumes.

Minor in Latino Studies

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

Minor in Latin American Studies

The interdisciplinary minor in Latin American Studies offers a basic understanding of the peoples & cultures of Latin America & 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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