



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

Course Listings

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LLAS Courses

LLAS 1000 – Introduction to Latina/o Studies

Instructor: Nieves, B.

In Person | M/W/F 12:20 pm - 1:10 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 (12:20 pm - 1:10 pm OR 1:25 pm - 2:15 pm).* CA 2. CA 4.

LLAS 1009 – Latino Literature, Culture, and Society

Instructor: Villalba Rosado, C.

In Person | Tu/Th 9:30 am – 10:45 am

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, 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.

LLAS 1190W – Introduction to Latin America and the Caribbean

Instructor: Fernandez, R.

In Person | M/W 4:40 pm – 5:55 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 2001 - Latinos, Leadership and Mentoring

Instructor: Gebelein, A.

In Person | M 2:00 pm - 4:30 pm

This course focuses on examining sense of belonging, cultural identity development, peer-mentoring/mentoring, and leadership as they all relate to self-identified Latina/o, Hispanic, and Latin@, Latiné students attending college in the United States.

LLAS Courses

LLAS 2011W - Introduction to Latin American Writing and Research

Instructor: Nieves, B.

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

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.

LLAS 2011W - Introduction to Latin American Writing and Research

Instructor: Nieves, B.

In Person | M/W/F 2:30 pm - 3:20 pm

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.

LLAS 2012 - Latinos in Connecticut: Writing for the Community

Instructor: Gebelein, A.

In Person | Tu 3:35 pm - 6:05 pm

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.

LLAS 3210 - Contemporary Issues in Latino Studies

Instructor: Nieves, B.

Online Synchronous | Tu 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Topics in socio-demographic patterns, cultural identity claims, community organization, migration and citizenship issues of Latino groups in post-WWII United States. Emphasis on comparative analysis and on policy implications. CA 4.

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

Instructor: Burgos Lopez, L.

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.

LLAS 3230 – Latina Narrative

Instructor: Seligmann, K.G.

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

Combined Course: WGSS 3258

Feminist topics in contemporary Latina literature and cultural studies.

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LLAS 3265 – Literature of Puerto Rico and the Spanish Caribbean

Instructor: Michelle Tennyson

In Person | M/W 2:30 pm - 3:20 pm

Combined Course: SPAN 3265

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

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.

LLAS 3321 – Latinas and Media

Instructor: Rios, D.

Online Asynchronous

Combined Course: COMM 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.

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.

LLAS 3619W – History of the Caribbean

Instructor: Lopez, P.J.

Online Synchronous | M/W 3:30 pm – 4:45 pm

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: Fernandez, R.

Hybrid | Tu (Hartford)/Th (Storrs) 2:00 pm – 3:15 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.

LLAS Courses

Variable Topics Courses:

LLAS 3998-001 – Women's Health in Latine & Afro-American Communities

Instructor: Martas, Y.

In Person | W 2:30 pm - 5:00 pm

Combined Course: AFRA 3898, WGSS 3998

Health care issues and disparities experienced by women in Latine 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 3998-002 – Anti-imperialism

Instructor: Seligmann, K.G.

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

Combined Course: SPAN 3208

Enrollment Requirements: *Recommended preparation: [SPAN 3178](#) or instructor consent*

Cuban documentary filmmaker described his cinematic style as the style of hating imperialism. This course engages a longstanding Latin American tradition of contesting and resisting the history of U.S. imperialism in the region. This course (taught in Spanish) examines works of essay, documentary, memoir, fiction, poetry, visual art, and music positioned against U.S. imperialism, primarily by Latin American artists, intellectuals, and political activists from the late nineteenth-century to the present.

LLAS 3998-003 – Human Rights on the US/Mexican Border

Instructor: Gebelein, A.

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

Combined Course: HRTS 3298

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 3998-004 – International Perspectives on Civilian Law

Instructor: Oquendo, A.

Online Synchronous | W 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

ARTH 1141 - From Sun Gods to Lowriders: Introduction to Latin American Art

Instructor: Greeley, R.

In person | M/W 2 pm – 3:15 pm

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

ANTH 3021 – Contemporary Latin America

Instructor: Mayer, J.

In person | Tu/Th 12:30 pm – 1:45 pm

Survey of anthropological contributions to the study of contemporary Mexico, Central America, South America, and the Hispanic Caribbean.

SPAN 3250 – Film in Spain and Latin America

Instructor: Loss, J.

Online Asynchronous

Film language and genre in Spanish and Latin American cinema.
Taught in English



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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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