



Latino and Latin American
Studies (LLAS)
Course Listings
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LLAS Courses

LLAS 1000 - Introduction to Latina/o Studies

Instructor: Vidal-Ortiz, Salvador (In Person) M/W/F 11:15am—12:05pm

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 (11:15am - 12:05pm OR 12:20pm-1:10pm)*. 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, Celines (Hybrid) M/W 2:30pm — 3:20pm
Combined Course: SPAN 1009-001

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, Rodolfo (In Person) M/W/F 12:20pm — 1:10pm
Combined Course: HIST 1600-001

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 (12:20pm-1:10pm OR 1:25pm-2:15pm)*. CA 1. CA 4-INT. **Topics of Inquiry:** TOI2: Cultural Dimen Human Exp, TOI3: Div, Equity, Soc Just

LLAS 1190W - Introduction to Latin America & the Caribbean

Instructor: Fernandez, Rodolfo (In Person) M/W 4:40pm - 5:55pm
Combined Course: HIST 1600W-005

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 Courses

LLAS 1570 - Migrant Workers in Connecticut

Instructor: Gebelein, Anne (In Person) W 2:30pm — 5:30pm
Combined Course: HIST 1570-001

An interdisciplinary honors course exploring the lives and work experiences of contemporary Latin American and Caribbean migrant laborers, with a particular focus on Connecticut. The course includes an integrated service learning component and requires participation in field trips. CA 1. CA 4.

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

LLAS 2001 - Latinos, Leadership, and Mentoring

Instructor: Guante, Alfred (In Person) M 4:00pm - 6:30pm

Introduces issues affecting Latinos in higher education. Leadership and mentoring training. Students analyze responsibilities and commitments in context of leadership for the common good and for purposeful change.

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

Instructor: Seligmann, Katerina Gonzalez (In Person) M 3:35pm - 6:05pm

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. **Topics of Inquiry:** TOI3: Div, Equity, Soc Just

LLAS 2450 – Human Rights in Latin America

Instructor: Gebelein, Anne (In Person) Tu/Th 2:00pm — 3:15pm
Combined Course: HRTS 2450 –001

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

LLAS 3271 – Immigration and Transborder Politics

Instructor: Venator-Santiago, Charles (In Person) Th 3:30pm – 6:00pm
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.

LLAS Courses

LLAS 3320 – Media and Diverse Audiences

Instructor: Rios, Diana

Online Asynchronous

Combined Course: COMM 3320-001

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 3321 – Latinas and Media

Instructor: Rios, Diana

Online Asynchronous

Combined Course: COMM 3321-001

The role of ethnicity and race in women's lives. Special attention to communication research on ethnic and racial minority women. CA 4.

Topics of Inquiry: TOI3: Div, Equity, Soc Just, TOI5: Indiv Values Soc Inst

LLAS 3618 - Comparative Slavery in the Americas

Instructor: Gabriel, Dexter

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

Combined Course: HIST 3618-001

The rise and fall of trans-Atlantic slavery. Topics include resistance, migration, antislavery mobilization, abolitionism, empire, revolution, cultural production, political economy, labor, gender, race and identity formation.

Topics of Inquiry: TOI2: Cultural Dimen Human Exp, TOI5: Indiv Values Soc Inst

LLAS 3662– Borderlands of the Americas

Instructor: Fernandez, Rodolfo

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

Combined Course: HIST 3662-001

A consideration of the importance of borderlands in the expansion and consolidation of European empires in the American continent, and later, in the shaping of newly independent republics. Contemporary issues related to Latin American borders, including migration, smuggling, violence, and the role of the state in shaping the borders of national cultures and societies.

List of Related Courses

❖ **GSCU 3211: Indigenous Geographies in Abya Yala & Turtle Island (The Americas)**

Instructor: Lamina, Alexandra
In Person (T/Th 9:30am – 10:45am)

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

Instructor: Irizarry, Guillermo
In Person (T/Th 11:00am - 12:15pm)

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

Instructor: Loss, Jacqueline
Online Asynchronous

❖ **SPAN 3251 - Latin American Film**

Instructor: Loss, Jacqueline
In Person (T 3:35pm—6:20pm)

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

Instructor: Irizarry, Guillermo
Hybrid (T/Th 2:00pm - 3:15pm)

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 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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