

LATIN AMERICAN/CARIBBEAN STDS (LAS)

LAS 100 Critical Questions in Latin American Studies (4 Credits)

An exploration of significant questions and concepts, beliefs and creative visions, theories and discoveries in Latin American Studies for first-year students. Although topics vary, the courses also seek to improve students' communication skills beyond the written word.

College Curriculum: C100

LAS 131 History Latin America to 1824 (3 Credits)

This course is an introductory survey of Latin American history from pre-contact societies to the end of colonial rule encompassing both Portuguese and Spanish America. Latin America to 1825 examines crucial historical processes to the formation of modern Latin American societies. The history of the sub-continent is understood as part of the large Atlantic community. Topics that will be examined in the course include: conquest, colonialism, empire, slavery, slave trade, commodity chains, roots of inequalities, subaltern groups, gender, corruption and contraband, rebellions and revolutions, trans-imperial interactions.

College Curriculum: C30C

Domain: CSI

LAS 132 Latin American Hist since 1824 (3 Credits)

The development of Latin America from 1824 to the present, emphasizing the struggle for social justice, political stability and economic development.

College Curriculum: C200

Domain: CSI

LAS 150 First-Year Seminar (4 Credits)

An exploration of a specific topic in Latin American Studies. A grade of C- or better fulfills the COLL 150 requirement. Although topics vary, the courses emphasize academic writing skills, reading and analysis of texts, and discussion.

College Curriculum: C150

LAS 200 LAS Transfer Topic (1-4 Credits)

LAS 290 Topics in Latin American Studies (1-4 Credits)

Selected topics in LAS are offered occasionally. The topic to be considered will be announced prior to the beginning of the semester.

LAS 301 Border Studies: Immersion on the US-Mexican Border (1 Credit)

This one-credit course serves as the immersion component of the Border Studies program. Students participate in a faculty-led, week-long educational delegation in the US-Mexican border region. Trip preparations and pre-trip meetings take place in the Fall, while the actual immersion trip takes place in early January. Students record their reflections over the course of the trip and complete pre-trip reading and writing assignments as well as a post-mortem reflection.

College Curriculum: C300

LAS 309 The Caribbean (3 Credits)

Situated at the crossroads of Africa, Europe, Latin America, and the United States, the Caribbean has played a pivotal role in global transformations since 1492. The region's past helped shape and was shaped by many of the contradictory themes defining modern history: slavery and freedom, racism and equality, empire and independence, despotism and democracy, and migration and transnationalism. Focusing on Puerto Rico, the Dominican Republic, Jamaica, and especially Haiti and Cuba, we will explore these themes in Caribbean history from the Haitian Revolution to the present. The course is structured around class discussion. Grading will be based on brief papers and class participation.

College Curriculum: C200, C350

Domain: CSI

LAS 350 Latin American Cultures, Politics and Societies (3 Credits)

Interdisciplinary study of the cultural practices, political economies, and societal structures of Latin America with an emphasis on contemporary issues that have their roots in Latin American colonial foundations and nation-building.

College Curriculum: C200

Domain: CSI

LAS 390 Topics in Latin American Studies (1-4 Credits)

Selected topics in LAS are offered occasionally. The topic to be considered will be announced prior to the beginning of the semester.

LAS 400 Immersion Experience in LAS (0 Credits)

Immersion Experience: An experience beyond the William and Mary classroom clearly linked to Latin America or Latino populations. LAS 400 or approval of LAS director required of LAS majors.

LAS 440 Seminar Topics in Latin American Studies (3-4 Credits)

Selected seminar topics in LAS are offered occasionally.

LAS 450 Senior Seminar in Latin American Studies (1-4 Credits)

Senior-level, in depth study of a topic relevant to Latin American Studies.

LAS 480 Independent Study in Latin American Studies (1-3 Credits)

For majors and minors who have completed most of their requirements and who have secured approval from a supervising instructor.

LAS 495 Senior Honors in Latin American Studies (3 Credits)

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