LATIN AMER & CARIBBEAN STUDIES (LACS)

LACS 100 - Special Topics in Latin American & Caribbean Studies (4 Credit Hours)

LACS 124 - Racial Politics in Latin America (4 Credit Hours)
This course will examine the role of race and politics in Latin America by examining concepts such as mestizaje or racial mixture and how that shapes relationships of power and development in these societies. We will also examine the role of whiteness and blackness and how such concepts are used to ensure hierarchies of privilege and disadvantage. What role does a racialized hierarchy play throughout Latin America when considering who are the haves and have nots and which roles are racialized groups such as indigenous and Afro-descendants in Latin America allowed to play in national development? We will first learn about theories of race, politics, and history in select countries. Second, we will apply the theories we have learned to focus on Latin American countries such as Colombia, Mexico, Cuba, Brazil, and Argentina.

LACS 199 - Introductory Topics in Latin American and Caribbean Studies (1-4 Credit Hours)
A general category used only in the evaluation of transfer credit.

LACS 200 - Special Topics in Latin American and Caribbean Studies (4 Credit Hours)

LACS 201 - Introduction to Latin American Caribbean Study (4 Credit Hours)
A comprehensive introduction to the nature of the problem of the Latin American society. A general study of the geography, the historical background, the social, economic, and political contemporary developments as well as the influence of religion and ideology on the Latin American and Caribbean countries.

LACS 211 - Colonial Latin America (4 Credit Hours)
A survey course on Latin America from Conquest through Independence. Topics include exploration of: 1) how Spain and Portugal conquered and colonized the Americas, 2) how they managed to maintain control over those colonies, 3) how the colonized (Indians, Africans, and mixed races) responded to the imposition of colonial rule, 4) the role of women and gender in colonial settings, and 5) the implications of colonialism for the study of modern Latin America.

Crosslisting: HIST 141.

LACS 212 - The Atlantic World (4 Credit Hours)
Drawing together the histories of Europe, Africa, and the Americas, this course explores the origins, development, and meanings of the new Atlantic World created after 1492. Topics may include imperial expansion and colonization, European-Amerindian relations, European-African relations, slavery and the trans-Atlantic slave trade, the growth of mercantile capitalism and the establishment of an Atlantic economy, the maturation of Euro-American colonial societies and their struggles for national independence, and the abolition of slavery.

LACS 220 - Introduction to Hispanic Literature (4 Credit Hours)
Reading and discussion of literary works from the Spanish-speaking world. Emphasis will be on utilizing language skills in the study and analysis of literature from Latin America, Spain and the United States. Conducted in Spanish.

Prerequisite(s): SPAN 215.

LACS 230 - Introduction to Hispanic Culture (4 Credit Hours)
An introduction to the study of Hispanic cultures, both Peninsular and Latin American; this course presents the basic context of the customs, beliefs and values of the Hispanic peoples and seeks to provide a basis for more advanced study. Conducted in Spanish.

Prerequisite(s): SPAN 215 or consent.

LACS 300 - Special Topics in Latin American & Caribbean Studies (4 Credit Hours)

LACS 325 - Survey of Latin American Literature (4 Credit Hours)
Survey of literary genres, periods and movements in Latin American from 1492 to the present. The main focus will be to give a sense of literary history and cultural context; readings will include representative selections from each period and movement. Conducted in Spanish.

Prerequisite(s): LACS 220 or consent.

LACS 451 - Senior Research (4 Credit Hours)
LACS 452 - Senior Research (4 Credit Hours)