

Latin American Studies

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The Roger Thayer Stone Center for Latin American Studies administers the Latin American Studies Program which integrates over 400 courses taught by 70 core faculty and 42 adjuncts and affiliates in various academic departments. The program is designed to present a broad regional approach to Latin America and to provide the student with a general knowledge and sympathetic understanding of the people and problems of this important world area. It is intended principally as a vehicle of liberal education, but it may prove a useful adjunct to careers relating to Latin America in fields such as business and commerce, communications, government service, research or teaching.

The Roger Thayer Stone Center for Latin American Studies is one of the major programs of its kind in the U.S. and is supported by funding from various government agencies and foundations. Its faculty and students draw upon a rich variety of resources: one of three separate Latin American libraries in U.S. universities, field grants, field schools in Latin America, etc.

MAJOR

The B.A. in Latin American Studies requires a minimum of 30 credit hours of work selected from various departments, which offer classes in the field. Five courses must be taken from one of the concentrations listed below. In addition, Latin American Studies 101 and 400 are required, plus either Latin American Studies 102 or Spanish 313. Finally, three courses must be taken at the 600 level, unless the student spends the entire junior year abroad in Spain, Portugal, or a Latin American country, in which case only two 600-level courses are required.

The concentration system serves to focus the disciplinary course work of LAST majors and minors around an interdisciplinary topic. There are three categories of concentrations. Students may choose one concentration from any one of these three categories.

Major Historical Periods and Ethnicities:

Pre-Conquest and Indigenous Societies

Colonial Societies

Post-Colonial and Modern Societies

Interdisciplinary Clusters:

Politics, Economics, and Public Policy

Art, Literature, and Culture

Environment, Health, and Ecology

Social Movements and Development

Cultural Areas or Regions:

Central America and Mexico

Brazil

the Caribbean

Students may also, with approval and guidance, construct an individual concentration to fit personal career goals or research. A current list of courses that count toward each concentration is available at the Center for Latin American Studies.

MINOR

A minor in Latin American Studies consists of 15 credit hours. Required courses include one of the three introductory courses on Latin America: LAST 101, LAST 102 or SPAN 313, LAST 400 Core Seminar, and three electives, one of which must be at the 600 level. Two of these five courses must be selected from one of the concentrations listed above.

At the beginning of each semester a current list of courses from other departments that count towards the major and minor is available in the Stone Center for Latin American Studies.

LAST 101 Introduction to Latin America (3)

Staff. A wide-ranging discussion of Latin American culture, society, politics, and economy. The course probes the institutions of modern Latin America and seeks to identify their origins. Reading, lectures, and discussions draw upon the work of various academic disciplines.

LAST 102 Cultural Heritage of Latin America (3)

Staff. A general survey of Latin American culture with emphasis of the development of ideas, aesthetic trends, literature, and popular traditions. Outside reading and written reports.

LAST 389 Service Learning (1)

Staff. Prerequisite: Departmental approval. Students complete a service activity in the community in conjunction with the content of a three-credit corequisite course.

LAST 395, 396 Special Offering (3, 3)

Staff.

LAST 400 Core Seminar (3)

Staff. Required of all senior students majoring in Latin American Studies. The Core Seminar develops students' capacity for interdisciplinary problem solving and understanding of Latin American culture, society, and politics. Topics vary but all

involve bibliographical study, reading, and discussion culminating in preparation of individual papers.

LAST 456, 457 Internship Studies (1-3, 1-3)

Staff. Prerequisites: approval of instructor and Program Director. An experiential learning process coupled with pertinent academic course work. Open only to juniors and seniors in good standing. Registration is completed in the academic department sponsoring the internship on TUTOR. Only one internship may be completed per semester. (Note: A maximum of six credits may be earned in one or two courses.)

LAST H491, H492 Independent Studies (3, 3)

Staff. Prerequisite: approval of instructor.

LAST 495, 496 Special Offerings (3)

Staff. Courses offered by visiting or permanent faculty. For offering in a specific semester, consult the department.

LAST H499-H500 Honors Thesis (3, 4)

Staff. Departmental approval required.

LAST 695, 696 Special Offerings in Latin American Studies (3, 3)

Staff. Courses offered by visiting professors or permanent faculty. For special offering, see the *Schedule of Classes*. For description, consult department.

SAMPLE COURSES BY CONCENTRATION

Pre-Conquest and Indigenous Societies

ANTH 441 Olmec and Maya Civilization

ANTH 610 South American Archaeology

ANTH 618 Middle American Indians

ARHS 370 Pre-Columbian Art

SPAN 653 Indigenous Andean Literature

Colonial Societies

ARHS 371 Colonial Art of Latin America

HISL 347 Colonial Louisiana 1700-1812

HISL 371 Colonial Latin America

HISL 676 Colonial Mexico

SPAN 672 19th Century Latin American Literature

Post-Colonial and Modern Societies

HISL 677 Modern Mexico

HISL 682 Modern Brazil

SOCI 249 Latin American Social Structure

SPAN 617 Modernism in Spanish American Literature

SPAN 646 Major Contemporary Poets in Latin America

Politics, Economics, and Public Policy

*APPD 668 Five Decades of Development

ECON 359 Economic Development in Latin America

POLC 335 Latin American Governments

POLC 442 State/Society Developing Countries

Art, Literature, and Culture

ADST 200 Intro to African Diaspora

ANTH 683 Aztec and Maya Literature

COMM 419 Introduction to Latin American Film

HISL 378 Women in Latin America

SPAN 410 Gender/Sex Hispanic Culture

Environment, Health, and Ecology

ANTH 404 Ecological Anthropology

ANTH 634 Medical Anthropology

*BIOL 611 Tropical Ecology

*ENHS 604 Environmental Health for Developing Countries

Social Movements and Development

*APPD 664 Achieving Sustainable Development

ECON 365 Agriculture and Rural Development in Latin America

POLC 442 State/Society Developing Countries

SOCI 690 Sociology of Development in Latin America

SOCI 693 Social Movements in Latin America

Central America and Mexico

ANTH 618 Middle American Indians

POLC 331 Government of Central America and the Caribbean

HISL 679 Central America

SPAN 614 Literature of Central America

SPAN 652 Mexican Literature

Brazil

BRAZ 201 Introduction to Brazilian Studies

HISL 681 Colonial Brazil

HISL 682 Modern Brazil

POLC 634 Brazilian Government

PORT 614 Major Authors of Brazil

The Caribbean

COMM 462 Women, Development and Communication in the English-speaking Caribbean

HACR 111 Haitian Creole

HISL 172 Introduction to Caribbean History

POLC 331 Government Central America/Caribbean

* *Non-LAS course. See the college SPC restrictions.*

LESS COMMONLY TAUGHT LANGUAGES

see Allied Programs