

# LACS - LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN STUDIES

## LACS148 Special Topics in Latin American and Caribbean Studies (3 Credits)

Topics to be announced when offered.

**Repeatable to:** 6 credits if content differs.

**Formerly:** LASC148.

## LACS234 Issues in Latin American and Caribbean Studies I (3 Credits)

Interdisciplinary study of major issues in Latin America and the Caribbean, including Latin America's cultural mosaic, migration and urbanization. Democratization and the role of religions. Taught in English.

**Cross-listed with:** PORT234, SPAN234.

**Credit Only Granted for:** LASC234, PORT234, SPAN234, or LACS234.

**Formerly:** LASC234.

## LACS235 Issues in Latin American and Caribbean Studies II (3 Credits)

Major issues shaping Latin American and Caribbean societies including the changing constructions of race, ethnicity, gender and class as well as expressions of popular cultures and revolutionary practices. Taught in English.

**Cross-listed with:** PORT235, SPAN235.

**Credit Only Granted for:** LASC235, PORT235, SPAN235, or LACS235.

**Formerly:** LASC235.

## LACS248 Special Topics in Latin American and Caribbean Studies (3 Credits)

Topics to be announced when offered.

**Repeatable to:** 6 credits.

**Formerly:** LASC248.

## LACS250 History of Colonial Latin America (3 Credits)

Introductory survey of the history of Latin America from pre-Columbian Indian cultures to the beginning of the wars for independence (ca. 1810), covering cultural, political, social, and economic developments. Major themes include conquest, colonialism, indigenous culture, African slavery, religion, race and ethnicity, and gender ideologies.

**Cross-listed with:** HIST250.

**Credit Only Granted for:** LASC250, HIST250, OR LACS250.

**Formerly:** LASC250.

## LACS251 Latin America Since Independence (3 Credits)

Introductory survey of the history of Latin America from the era of independence (c. 1810-1825) through the early 1980s. Major themes include independence and sovereignty, postcolonialism and neocolonialism, nation- and state-building, liberalism, citizenship, economic development and modernization, social organization and stratification, race and ethnicity, gender relations, identity politics, reform and revolution, authoritarianism and democratization, and inter-American relations.

**Cross-listed with:** HIST251.

**Credit Only Granted for:** HIST251, LASC251, or LACS251.

**Formerly:** LASC251.

## LACS269 Special Topics in Study Abroad II (1-6 Credits)

Special topics course taken as part of an approved study abroad program.

**Repeatable to:** 15 credits if content differs.

**Formerly:** LASC269.

## LACS286 Internship in Latin American/Caribbean Studies (1-6 Credits)

Internship experience with an organization that works with or studies Latin American and/or the Caribbean. This is an experiential learning course that provides semester-long training that enriches the student's academic field of study and the LASC Certificate. Students submit a final written report of how the experience ties into their major field of study.

**Prerequisite:** LASC234, SPAN234, LASC235, SPAN235, LACS250, HIST250, LACS251, or HIST251; and permission of Latin American and Caribbean Studies Center required.

**Restriction:** Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5; and cannot have more than 60 credits total.

**Credit Only Granted for:** LASC286 or LACS286.

**Formerly:** LASC286.

**Additional Information:** The course is primarily intended for students seeking the Certificate in Latin American and Caribbean Studies, but exceptions will be considered for students with educational or career interests which lie in this area. Student internships must be approved by the Director and students must secure an appropriate faculty mentor to supervise the internship course.

## LACS348 Special Topics in Latin American and Caribbean Studies (3 Credits)

Topics to be announced when offered.

**Repeatable to:** 6 credits if content differs.

## LACS348E Caribbean Literature in English (3 Credits)

Political and literary traditions that intersect in the fiction, poetry, and drama written in English by Caribbean writers, primarily during the 20th century.

**Cross-listed with:** ENGL362.

**Credit Only Granted for:** ENGL362, LASC348E, or LACS348E.

## LACS369 Special Topics in Study Abroad III (1-6 Credits)

Special topics course taken as part of an approved study abroad program.

**Repeatable to:** 15 credits if content differs.

**Formerly:** LASC369.

## LACS370 Education, Technology and Society: Ecuador in Context (3 Credits)

Set in the UNESCO World Heritage site of Cuenca, Ecuador, students in this short-term study abroad course use theory from Science and Technology Studies (STS) to explore, discuss and critique the design, development and implementation of technology-based social programs in Ecuador. The program looks at education and technology throughout multiple lenses and contexts. Collaboration with the University of Cuenca, participating students have the opportunity for both university and field-based research and practice. UMD students work alongside students and faculty from the leaders and practitioners from UCuenca, government agencies, nongovernmental organizations, small business and local communities.

**Recommended:** 1 course from (ENES240, ENES200, or ENEE200).

**Cross-listed with:** ENES359T, CPSS370.

**Restriction:** Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5.

**Credit Only Granted for:** ENES259T, ENES359T, CPSP279T, LASC269T, CPSS370, or LACS370.

**Formerly:** ENES259T.

## LACS448 Special Topics in Latin American and Caribbean Studies (3 Credits)

Intensive study of a selected topic related to Latin American and Caribbean Studies.

**Restriction:** Junior standing or higher.

**Repeatable to:** 6 credits if content differs.

**LACS458 Senior Capstone Course in Latin American and Caribbean Studies (3 Credits)**

Capstone course for advanced students in the Latin American and Caribbean Studies Certificate Program or other students with appropriate preparation. Interdisciplinary topics will vary each semester.

**Prerequisite:** LASC234 and LASC235; or permission of ARHU-School of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures department.

**Restriction:** Must be in Latin American and Caribbean Studies Certificate program; and senior standing.

**LACS486 Internship in Latin American/Caribbean Studies (1-6 Credits)**

Internship experience with an organization that works with or studies Latin American and/or the Caribbean. This is an experiential learning course that provides semester-long training that enriches the student's academic field of study and the LACS Certificate. Students submit a final written report of their experience, including critical analysis of the institutional relevance to their major field of study and to Latin American and Caribbean Studies. Students will also be asked to give an oral presentation.

**Prerequisite:** Student must have completed at least two LACS courses, one of which must be a required/core course (LACS/SPAN234, LACS/SPAN235, LACS/HIST250, or LACS/HIST251); and permission of Latin American Studies Center required.

**Restriction:** Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5; and must have earned a minimum of 60 credits.

**Credit Only Granted for:** LASC486 OR LACS486.

**Formerly:** LASC486.

**Additional Information:** The course is primarily intended for students seeking the Certificate in Latin American and Caribbean Studies, but exceptions will be considered for students with educational or career interests which lie in this area. Student internships must be approved by the Director, and students must secure an appropriate faculty mentor for the internship course. An internship course will be approved only if a faculty supervisor is available.

**LACS499 Independent Study in Latin American and Caribbean Studies (1-3 Credits)**

Independent Study in Latin American and Caribbean Studies.

**Restriction:** Permission of instructor.

**Repeatable to:** 6 credits.

**Formerly:** LASC499.