

LATIN AMERICAN, CARIBBEAN, AND LATINO STUDIES

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Faculty members in the Latin American, Caribbean, and Latino Studies Department are involved in research in various aspects of Latin American and Caribbean studies.

Students minor in Latin American, Caribbean and Latino Studies by completing the following requirements.

Course Code	Course Title	Credits
LATI 105	Introduction to Latin American, Caribbean and Latino Studies	3
Select six credits from the courses below:		
LATI 201	Peoples and Cultures of the Caribbean	3
LATI 202	Peoples and Cultures of Mexico and Central America	3
LATI 203	Peoples and Cultures of South America	3
LATI 204	Latin American & Caribbean Communities in the US	3
Select six credits from the courses below:		
LATI 120	Latin American Issues in Cultural Perspective	3
LATI 125	Socio-Cultural Changes in Latin America	3
LATI 205	Impact of Modern Technology on Latin America & the Caribbean	3
LATI 206	Cuba and Puerto Rico in Historical Perspective	3
LATI 207	Seminar: Topics in U.S. Latino Studies	3
LATI 208	Seminar: Topics in Latin American and Caribbean Studies	3
LATI 209	Sex and Gender in Latin America	3
LATI 210	The Latin American Novel as History	3
LATI 302	Social Movements in Latin America and the Caribbean	3
LATI 303	Challenges of Development: Latin Amer., Africa, Asia	3
LATI 407	Seminar: Latin America and the Caribbean in Global Context	3
LATI 412	Seminar for Minors in Latin American, Caribbean and Latino Studies	3
LATI 414	Independent Study in Latin American, Caribbean and Latino Studies	3
LATI 415	Latin American, Caribbean and Latino Studies Internship	3
LATI 503	Latin American and Caribbean Studies Travel Program	3
Select six credits related to Latin American, Caribbean and Latino Studies from approved electives in other departments and programs 6		

Course Descriptions

LATI 105 Introduction to Latin American, Caribbean and Latino Studies (3)

A general investigation of the Latin American and Caribbean cultures in their uniqueness and diversity is pursued in this course. Topics include Latin America's historical development, its contributions to world art and literature, U.S.-Latin American relations, race and class systems in Ibero-American nations, and the role of Latin Americans and their descendants in the United States.

LATI 120 Latin American Issues in Cultural Perspective (3)

This course embarks on a critical examination of the multi-faceted cultural realities of Latin Americans throughout the continent as reflected in the humanities texts of literature, music, art, philosophy, and history.

LATI 125 Socio-Cultural Change in Latin America (3)

This course examines the economic, political, psychological, and social aspects of the Latin American societies from the past to the present.

LATI 201 Peoples and Cultures of Caribbean (3)

This course offers an examination of

the Caribbean region as a cultural area with common historical patterns of conquest, colonization, peonage or slavery, and the development of multiracial and multicultural societies. Some of the topics of study include: the European, African and Asian cultural roots; the rise, growth and impact of the plantation economy; family organization; the tensions of gender, race, and class; and popular religion and everyday life. The focus of this course is on cultural, socio-economic and political developments in the 20th century, particularly the past several decades.

LATI 202 Peoples and Cultures of Mexico and Central America (3)

This course studies present-day cultures and societies in Mexico and Central America (Nicaragua, Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador, Costa Rica, Panama, and Belize). Among the issues covered are the impact of modernization, urbanization, and rural-urban migration; ethnic and racial tensions; war, revolution, and the struggle for national identity; and the impact of the U.S. border, policies, and media presence.

LATI 203 Peoples and Cultures of South America (3)

This course broadly examines three major cultural areas in South America: the Andean region (Ecuador, Peru and Bolivia; Venezuela, Colombia); the Southern Cone (Chile, Argentina, Uruguay and Paraguay); and Brazil. Present-day societies and their processes of development and social change during the past several decades are explored within the larger historical context of conquest, colonization, slavery, migration and political intervention and upheaval. The struggles of marginalized Native American populations (e.g., in Brazil and Venezuela) and other racial, ethnic and special-interest groups are given attention.

LATI 204 Latin American and Caribbean Communities in the United States (3)

This course examines the cultural and socio-economic backgrounds and present life-conditions of Latin American and Caribbean immigrants (and/or their descendants) residing in the U.S. Group migration histories are reviewed as well as the history of the U.S. annexation of Mexican territory and its impact on the lives of Mexican Americans. Theories of migration, acculturation and assimilation into North American society are critically analyzed, utilizing specific migrant groups as case studies.

LATI 205 Impacts of Modern Technology on Latin America and the Caribbean (3)

This course is designed to explore the environmental, economic, social, and political impact of modern technology on Latin American countries. Selected case histories are presented to provide the student with a comprehensive view of the phenomenon.

LATI 206 Cuba and Puerto Rico in Historical Perspective (3)

This course undertakes a thematic and chronological investigation of these two island nations from the pre-Columbian era to the present, with an emphasis on the 19th and 20th centuries. Topics include the genesis of plantation societies, slavery, and socio-economic/political relationship with the United States.

LATI 207 Seminar Topics in U.S. Latino Studies (3)

In-depth analyses of selected issues in Latino communities throughout the United States, such as literary traditions, religion, health and politics are studied in this course.

LATI 208 Seminar: Topics in Latin American and Caribbean Studies (3)

In-depth analyses of selected issues within the region, such as literary traditions, religion, health, ecology and politics are studied in this course.

LATI 209 Sex and Gender in Latin America (3)

This course examines theories and debates in the field of gender and sexuality studies, and explores and evaluates scholarly and artistic works (literature, drama, film, video, and television) dealing with Latin American/U.S. Latino gender and sexuality issues.

LATI 210 The Latin American Novel as History (3)

This course presents a critical analysis of the diverse historical development in Latin American and the Caribbean through literature. Issues examined include slavery, conquest, ethnicity, migration, and dictatorship. Focus is on the nineteenth and twentieth centuries.

LATI 302 Social Movements in Latin America and the Caribbean (3)

This course surveys the histories, ideologies, strategies and tactics of social and political movements such as revolutions, racial/ethnic nationalists, religious and similar movements in Latin America and the Caribbean and among Latinos in the United States. Special emphasis is given to the emergence of new identities, individual and collective, and the creation of new communities and sub-cultures.

LATI 303 Challenges of Development: Latin America, Africa, Asia (3)

This course deals with the critical problems of the two-thirds of humanity living in Latin America, Africa, and Asia. The emphasis of the course is on population growth, problems of food, water, energy, cities, poverty, and the environment. It examines the roles of science and technology to solve these problems and bring development to these areas.

LATI 407 Seminar: Latin America and the Caribbean in Global Context (3)

This course examines the many facets of Latin American patterns and institutions resulting from interactions with other regions and states in the international community. The focus is on the crisis-solving capabilities of the region within a global context.

LATI 412 Seminar for Minors in Latin American and Caribbean Studies (3)

The purpose of this seminar is to provide juniors and seniors the opportunity to explore academic and other professional options for the utilization of their minor in Latin American and Caribbean Studies.

LATI 414 Independent Study in Latin American and Caribbean Studies (1-3)

The Department offers a limited number of students the opportunity to engage in independent study projects. Independent study is offered to students who have demonstrated in course work the interest and ability to do serious, creative, and original research.

LATI 415 Latin American Studies Internship (3)

The internship offers students practical experience, under supervision, in an organization, institution, or agency regionally, nationally, or internationally.

LATI 503 Latin American and Caribbean Studies Travel Program (3)

Please see the Graduate Catalog for course description.