

Latin American and Caribbean Studies (LACS)

The Latin American and Caribbean Studies program offers an integrated interdisciplinary approach to the historical, political, social, and cultural interrelationships of the nations and peoples of our hemisphere. The program in Latin American and Caribbean Studies is not a major. Courses applied toward requirement for Latin American and Caribbean Studies also may be counted for other programs, majors or minors. Students who fulfill the area studies requirements will receive a certificate recognizing completion of the program.

Coordinator

Camille L. Bethea

Program Requirements

The Latin American and Caribbean Studies program requires a minimum of 20 credit hours of course work.

LACS 320	Americas Seminar I	4
LACS 321	Americas Seminar II	4
LACS 420	Senior Capstone	3
Select one course from the following:		3 to 4
FREN 306	The French World: Africa, Europe, the Americas	
PORT 304	Accelerated Portuguese: Language & Culture I	
PORT 305	Accelerated Portuguese: Language & Culture II	
SPAN 305	The Hispanic World: Spanish America	
SPAN 309	Building Linguistic and Cultural Competence Through Oral Texts	
SPAN 412	Hispanic Narrative Fiction	
SPAN 416	Interdisciplinary Ibero-American Cultural Studies	
Select two courses from the following (in consultation with the program coordinator):		6 to 8
ANTH 202	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology and Communications	
BIO 382	Ecology (with lab)	
BIO 493	Case Studies in Public Health	
BIO 497	Case Studies in Environmental Issues	
ECO 333	Environmental Economics	
ECO 410	International Economics	
ECO 441	Comparative Economic Systems	
ENGL 339	Race, Gender, and Empire	
FIN 440	International Finance	
GOV 382	Global Issues	
GOV 420	American Foreign Policy	
GOV 421	International Conflict	
GOV 423	NGOs in World Politics	
HIST 296	Colonial Latin American History	

HIST 297	Modern Latin American History
HIST 320	American Diplomatic History
REL 324	Contemporary Theology: 1965-Present

Total Hours 20-23

LACS 280. Selected Topics in Latin American & Caribbean Studies. 1 to 4 Hours.

Selected topics in Latin American & Caribbean Studies at the introductory or intermediate level.

LACS 320. Americas Seminar I. 4 Hours.

An interdisciplinary seminar focusing on the historical, political, social, and cultural interrelationships of the nations in our hemisphere. It concentrates on the historical and cultural foundations of Latin America and the Caribbean and explores the topics of race and identity, rural and urban life, authoritarianism and democracy, and national development. The course is conducted in English. Successful completion of this course satisfies the Cultures and Peoples requirement for graduation.

LACS 321. Americas Seminar II. 4 Hours.

An interdisciplinary seminar focusing on the historical, political, social, and cultural interrelationships of the nations in our hemisphere. It concentrates on Latin American women, revolution, problems of sovereignty, and the Latin American and Caribbean presence in the United States. The course is conducted in English and may be taken independently of 320. Successful completion of this course satisfies the Cultures and Peoples requirement for graduation.

LACS 420. Senior Capstone. 3 Hours.

The Senior Capstone is designed to help students focus and integrate their knowledge of Latin America and the Caribbean. Each student will complete an independent research project focusing on a specific problem or region from an interdisciplinary perspective. Students will meet together periodically to share results of their research.

Prerequisite: LACS 320 with a minimum grade of D and LACS 321 with a minimum grade of D.

LACS 480. Advanced Topics in Latin American & Caribbean Studies. 1 to 4 Hours.

Selected topics in Latin American & Caribbean Studies at the advanced level.