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.

Coordinator
Camille L. Bethea, Modern Languages, Literatures, and Cultures

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

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- Select one of the following:
  - FREN 306: The French World: Africa, Europe, the Americas
  - SPAN 305: Cultures of Latin America
  - SPAN 309: Building Linguistic and Cultural Competence Through Oral Texts
  - SPAN 412: Narrative Fiction in Spanish
  - SPAN 416: Interdisciplinary Ibero-American Cultural Studies

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Select two of the following (or other courses as approved by the Program Coordinator):
- 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
- HIST 196: Colonial Latin American History
- HIST 197: Modern Latin American History
- HIST 320: American Diplomatic History
- INTL 382: Global Issues
- INTL 420: American Foreign Policy
- INTL 421: International Conflict

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. Advanced Projects Based Learning. 3 Hours.
Students apply their knowledge, skills, and experiences in Ibero-American cultural contexts to collaborative, projects-based endeavors that require translingual and transcultural competence.

Prerequisite: SPAN 308 with a minimum grade of C.

LACS 480. Advanced Topics in Latin American & Caribbean Studies. 1 to 4 Hours.
Selected topics in Latin American & Caribbean Studies at the advanced level.