LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES (LAS)

LAS 200 (s) Seminar  
Credit arranged.

LAS 203 (s) Workshop  
Credit arranged.

LAS 204 (s) Special Topics  
Credit arranged.

LAS 299 (s) Directed Study  
Credit arranged.

LAS 306 Culture and Institutions of Latin America  
3 credits  
Gen Ed: American Diversity, International  
Cross-listed with SPAN 306  
Prereq: SPAN 302 or Permission.

LAS 315 Comparative African-American Cultures  
3 credits  
Gen Ed: American Diversity, International  
Cross-listed with HIST 315.  
An overview of African American history in the U.S. from the late 19th century to the present; comparisons with the experience of African Americans in other parts of the Americas; study of important personalities and historical forces that have influenced African Americans and the societies in which they live.

LAS 391 Hispanic Film  
3 credits  
Gen Ed: Humanities, International  
Cross-listed with FLEN 391  
Open to all students. A maximum of 3 cr in FLEN 391 and FLEN 394 may be counted toward a major in Spanish. Genre, structure, and style of representative fiction and nonfiction films of Spain and Latin America.

LAS 394 Latin American Literature in Translation  
3 credits  
Gen Ed: Humanities, International  
Cross-listed with FLEN 394  
A maximum of 3 cr in LAS 391 and LAS 394 may be counted toward a major in Spanish. Major Spanish-language authors in English translation; knowledge of Spanish is not required. (Alt/yr)

LAS 400 (s) Seminar  
Credit arranged.

LAS 403 (s) Workshop  
Credit arranged.

LAS 404 (s) Special Topics  
Credit arranged.

LAS 409 Modern Latin American Society  
3 credits  
Gen Ed: International  
Cross-listed with SPAN 409  
Analysis of contemporary issues in Latin American society such as gender, race, environment, and immigration from a variety of cultural perspectives (film, newspapers, literature, etc.).  
Prereq: SPAN 306 or LAS 306.

LAS 413 Span Amer Short Fiction  
3 credits  
Gen Ed: International  
Cross-listed with SPAN 413  
The short story in 19th- and 20th-century Spanish America.  
Prereq: SPAN 302.

LAS 422 Mexican Culture through Cinema  
3 credits  
Gen Ed: International  
Cross-listed with SPAN 422  
Examines how fictional representations of Mexico are driven by specific historical, political, economic, and cultural forces. Students will also reflect on the ways in which films and literature can inform our knowledge of race, gender and socio-economic relations and how these representations of Mexican culture through film have changed over time.  
Prereq or Coreq: SPAN 306 or LAS 306.

LAS 424 Human Rights and Hispanic Cinema  
3 credits  
Cross-listed with SPAN 424  
Examines how Hispanic film represents and grapples with the question of human rights.  
Prereq or coreq: SPAN 305.

LAS 438 Modern Mexico and the Americas  
3 credits  
Gen Ed: International  
Cross-listed with HIST 438.  
Survey and analysis of political, economic, social, and cultural aspects from independence to present; emphasis on Iberian and Amerindian legacies, economic development, relations with U.S., and social revolution of 1910-1920.

LAS 439 Modern Latin America  
3 credits  
Gen Ed: International  
Cross-listed with HIST 439.  
Political, economic, social, and cultural development; search for stability; growth of nationalism.

LAS 441 Slavery and Freedom in the Americas  
3 credits  
Gen Ed: International  
Cross-listed with HIST 441.  
Analysis of the way in which African slavery became the predominant labor force in the Americas from 16th century to 19th century. Emphasis on slave resistance and the international abolitionist movement. (1760s to 1888).

LAS 447 International Development Economics  
3 credits  
Gen Ed: International  
Same as AGEC 447 and ECON 447. Characteristics of development; historical perspective; macroeconomic theories and policies: models of growth, poverty, inequality, trade, aid and debt; microeconomic theories and policy; health, nutrition and education, agriculture, rural markets for land, labor and credit, and corruption  
Prereq: ECON 201 and ECON 202, or ECON 272, or Permission.
LAS 462 Human Issues in International Development
3 credits
*Gen Ed: Social Science, International*
Cross-listed with ANTH 462
Course content includes the historical and political contexts that shape
development, development theories and approaches, along with the
global challenges of poverty, social inequalities, and environment. Culture
as an important consideration in development is emphasized. Additional
projects/assignments reqd for grad cr. (Alt/yr)

LAS 499 (s) Directed Study
Credit arranged.