

# Latin American and Latino Studies (LALS)

## Courses

### **LALS 403. Interdisciplinary Research Methods in Latin American and Latino Studies. 3 or 4 hours.**

Examination of research methods in social sciences and current trends in Latin American and Latino Studies. Emphasis on critical analysis of research methods, use of analytical approaches for particular kinds of investigation, and hands on application to case studies. Course Information: 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite(s): LALS 301 and LALS 302; or graduate standing. Recommended Background: Credit or concurrent registration in LALS 501.

### **LALS 408. Global Black Feminisms. 3 or 4 hours.**

Examines transnational, Third Wave and Third World Black feminist approaches to global politics from historical and contemporary perspectives with a particular emphasis on the late 20th century and the beginning of the 21st century. Course Information: Same as BLST 408 and GWS 408. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Recommended background: Undergraduate students: at least three credit hours in BLST or GWS or LALS.

### **LALS 409. Ancient Maya Writing, Language and Culture. 3 or 4 hours.**

Recent trends in Maya epigraphy, information gained from Maya hieroglyphs, linguistics, and historical ethnographies are applied to anthropological analyses of past lifeways. Course Information: Same as ANTH 409. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite(s): Junior standing or above; and consent of the instructor.

### **LALS 417. Latina and Latin American Feminist Thought. 3 or 4 hours.**

Chicana/Latina and Latin American feminist texts and methods. Differential consciousness, spirituality (spiritual activism and spiritual mestizaje), curanderismo, and decolonial epistemologies. Course Information: Same as GWS 417.

### **LALS 422. Chicanas and Latinas: Self and Society. 3 hours.**

The experiences of Chicanas and Latinas through the lens of contemporary sociological research. Topics to be discussed include: community formation and activism, feminisms, sexuality, religion, health, family, immigration, education, work, media, etc.

### **LALS 423. Andean Prehistory. 3 or 4 hours.**

An overview of the cultural evolution of the Andean region from the arrival of the first inhabitants to the development of the Inca empire. Course Information: Same as ANTH 423. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite(s): ANTH 269 or consent of the instructor.

### **LALS 425. Urban Field Research in Latino/a Communities. 3 or 4 hours.**

Field work in Chicago Latino/a neighborhoods. Observing, taking field notes, analyzing issues of workforce, homelessness, street vending, affordable housing, community organizing, educational infrastructure, environmental degradation, gentrification. Course Information: 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Field work required. Prerequisite(s): LALS 403.

### **LALS 428. Latin@ Futurity. 3 or 4 hours.**

An exploration of utopic and dystopic imaginations in Latin@ literature, media, and popular culture. Discusses coloniality, precarity, an alternate timeline as (re)imagined through queer, indigenous, and femme epistemologies. Course Information: 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Same as COMM 428.

### **LALS 433. Latin American Migration to the U.S. 3 or 4 hours.**

Latin American migration to the U.S. International migration theories, family remittances, transnational linkages, dual citizenship, and past and current U.S. immigration policy debates. Course Information: Same as SOC 433. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite(s): One course in LALS or SOC; or consent of the instructor.

### **LALS 434. Literature of the Americas. 3 or 4 hours.**

Transnational or hemispheric approach to Latin American literature. Writers whose work moves back and forth between nations. Identities across borders, languages, and nations. Course Information: Same as ENGL 434. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours.

### **LALS 436. Borders and Borderlands: Method and Theory. 3 or 4 hours.**

Borders as theory and method in Latino/a and Latin American Studies. Borders and bordering practices, mobile, transnational communities, mapping and policing, and migrant mobility and autonomy. Course Information: 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours.

### **LALS 437. Global Migrations Across the Americas. 3 or 4 hours.**

Processes of migrant mobilities and control in the Americas. Structural causes, social groups, and role of global inequality. Case studies in the US and Latin America regarding the securitization of migration and growth patterns in migrant mobility. Course Information: Same as ANTH 435. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours.

### **LALS 461. Topics in Latin American History. 3 or 4 hours.**

Specific topics are announced each term. Course Information: Same as HIST 461. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. May be repeated. Students may register in more than one section per term. Prerequisite(s): 3 hours of history, Latin American and Latino studies, or consent of the instructor.

### **LALS 465. Asian Diasporas in Latin America. 3 or 4 hours.**

Examines Asian migration to Latin America, covering topics such as labor and economic systems, transnational networks, community building, racism, identity, and serial migration. Course Information: Same as GLAS 465 and HIST 465. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite(s): Grade of C or better in GLAS 100 or Grade of C or better in HIST 161. Recommended background: HIST 264.

### **LALS 466. Criminal Governance in Latin America. 3 or 4 hours.**

Emergence of criminal politics in Latin America. Engagement of politicians, organized crime actors, and state agents in the pursuit goals (economic, political, personal). Root sources, logic and consequences of this new, prevalent order. Course Information: Same as POLS 466. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours.

### **LALS 467. Topics in Latinx Literature. 3 or 4 hours.**

Study of a specific topic in Latinx literature and literary studies, which may examine a single or select group of authors, a particular genre, or a particular regional or aesthetic focus. Topics vary. Course Information: Same as ENGL 467. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. May be repeated up to 1 time. Previously listed as ENGL 442. Recommended background: ENGL 207, ENGL 208, ENGL 209, ENGL 327 or LALS 101, LALS 102; junior standing or above.

**LALS 476. Latinx Youth: Coming of Age in the U.S. 3 or 4 hours.**

Discursive and cultural positioning of Latina/o/x youth in the US. Explores how youth shape identity, culture, education, politics, community. Using concept of intersectionality, explores links to gender, class, and sexuality. Course Information: 3 undergraduate hours; 4 graduate hours. Same as GWS 476.

**LALS 491. Topics in Latin American Studies. 3 or 4 hours.**

In-depth study of selected topics such as state formation, education, populism, the family, democratization, industrialization, and ideological currents in Latin America. Course Information: 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. May be repeated. Students may register for more than one section per term. Prerequisite(s): One LALS course or consent of the instructor.

**LALS 495. Topics in Latino Studies. 3 or 4 hours.**

In-depth study of topics in Latino studies, including communities and current issues from an interdisciplinary perspective. Course Information: 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. May be repeated if. Students may register for more than one section per term. Prerequisite(s): One LALS course or consent of the instructor.

**LALS 497. Community Research Internship. 3 or 4 hours.**

Work in community-based organizations and cultural institutions to develop experiential knowledge about social, political and cultural issues facing Latinos and Latin Americans. Placements introduce issues of ethnicity, identity, and transnationalism. Course Information: 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite(s): Junior standing or above and consent of the instructor. Concurrent registration in LALS 498. Recommended Background: LALS 403.

**LALS 499. Advanced Independent Study. 1-4 hours.**

Individual advanced reading or research project in Latin American or U.S. Latino studies, with instructor's consent and supervision. Course Information: May be repeated to a maximum of 8 hours. Students may register in more than one section per term. Prerequisite(s): Open, with consent of the instructor, to graduate students and Latin American and Latino studies majors with at least a 3.00 grade point average. Students in other programs or with lower than a 3.00 grade point average are admitted at the instructor's discretion only. Class Schedule Information: This course counts toward the limited number of independent study hours accepted toward the undergraduate degree and the major.

**LALS 500. Latinx and Latin American Critical Thought. 4 hours.**

The evolution of Latinx and Latin American thought. Focus on autochthonous production of Latin American and Latinx studies scholars, canonic themes and scholarly concern.

**LALS 501. Latinos and Latin America in Transnational Context. 4 hours.**

Analysis of transnational processes linking Latin America and Latinos in the U.S. The impact of globalization on migration, culture, identity, work, health, education, family, politics.

**LALS 502. Topics in Latin American and Latino Studies. 4 hours.**

In-depth study of selected research topics related to Latin America and/or U.S. Latinos that reflect the major and most current debates in these fields. Course Information: May be repeated if topics vary. Prerequisite(s): Graduate or professional standing; or consent of the instructor.

**LALS 504. Proseminar in Latin American and Latino Studies. 1 hour.**

Introduction to the profession, discussion of lectures, course work, readings, and student research. Students attend various lectures, conferences, and community events relating to Latin America and/or Latinos/as, and share their own work. Course Information: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory grading only. May be repeated. Prerequisite(s): Credit or concurrent registration in LALS 501 or Credit or concurrent registration in LALS 502.

**LALS 561. Colloquium on Latin American History. 4 hours.**

Topics on themes in Latin American history. Specific topics are announced each term. Course Information: Same as HIST 561. May be repeated. Students may register in more than one section per term.

**LALS 590. Directed Research. 1-4 hours.**

Students complete research and composition of the final paper project under the direction of a supervising professor. Course Information: May be repeated. Prerequisite(s): LALS 501 and LALS 502.

**LALS 596. Independent Study. 1-4 hours.**

Investigation of special problems under the direction of a faculty member. Course Information: May be repeated to a maximum of 8 hours. Students may register in more than one section per term. Prerequisite(s): Consent of the instructor.