LLAS Courses

LLAS 3998.004 – Human Rights in Latin America
Instructor: Samuel Martinez  M/W 4:40-5:55PM
Approached through case law of the Inter-American Human Rights system, this course will explore the struggles for civil/political, economic, and cultural/collective rights and discuss the reach and limits of human rights law as an instrument of liberation.

LLAS 3998.007 – History of Borderlands
Instructor: Rodolfo Fernandez  Tu 6:30-9:00PM
This course will explore, discuss, and analyze the histories and cultures of the places on the edges of Latin America, including the U.S.–Mexican border.

LLAS 4320 – Media and Diverse Audiences
Instructor: Ronnie Shepard  Tu/Th 11:00-12:15PM
Issues of race, ethnicity, culture, class, gender, and sexuality in mainstream and alternative media. Analysis of how diverse groups use the media, are represented in, and interpret media content.

LLAS 4470 – Soap Opera/Telenovela
Instructor: Diana Rios  ONLINE
Socio-cultural functions of soap operas/telenovelas as mediated serials constructed by commercial organizations and consumed by United States and global audiences.

LLAS 4994W – Latin American Studies Research Seminar
Instructor: Jorge Auero  W 12:20-3:20PM
Capstone course in which majors and minors in Latin American Studies design, execute and write up original, library-based research on Latin America. Some readings may be in Spanish or Portuguese.

Major in Latino Studies  OR  Latin American Studies
The interdisciplinary major in Latino and Latin American Studies (LLAS) consists of 37 credit hours of course work. In addition, intermediate proficiency in a Latin American language is required for students focusing in Latin America and the Caribbean

Minor in Latino Studies
The interdisciplinary minor in Latino Studies advances a critical understanding of Latinos as an integral social and cultural component of the U.S. society and of the American hemisphere. Since it employs interdisciplinary research methods, this minor enhances a variety of majors and fields of study.

Minor in Latin American Studies
The interdisciplinary minor in Latin American Studies offers a basic understanding of the peoples and cultures of Latin America and the Caribbean, their histories and contemporary economic, social, and political problems, and their relations with the United States.

For more information, or to complete a plan of study, Call: 860-486-5508  OR  email: anne.gebelein@uconn.edu

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### LLAS Courses

**LLAS 1000**—Introduction to Latina/o Studies  
**Instructor:** Daisy Reyes  
W’6:05-8:35PM  
Interdisciplinary examination of the Latina/o experience and impact across the United States. Consideration of behavioral, institutional, and societal perspectives; national and transnational identity; cultural, legal, and educational issues. CA 2. CA 4.

**LLAS 1009**—Latino Literature, Culture and Society  
**Instructor:** Dina Rivera  
M/W/F ‘11:15-12:05PM  
Critical approaches to Latinos/as and cultural representation, production, and agency, as impacted by globalization and local dynamics. Will engage the value and function of race, gender and sexuality in popular culture, literature, film, music, digital culture, visual arts, and urban culture. Taught in English. Knowledge of Spanish is not required. CA 1. CA 4.

**LLAS 1190**—Introduction to Latin American and the Caribbean  
**Instructor:** Rodolfo Fernandez  
Tu/Th ‘11:00-12:15PM  
Multidisciplinary exploration of the historical development of such aspects of Latin America and the Caribbean as colonization and nation formation; geography and the environment; immigration and migration; race, ethnicity, and gender in society, politics, economy, and culture. CA 1. CA 4-INT.

**LLAS 1190W**—Introduction to Latin American and the Caribbean  
**Instructor:** Anne Gebelein  
Tu/Th ‘12:30-1:45PM  
Multidisciplinary exploration of the historical development of such aspects of Latin America and the Caribbean as colonization and nation formation; geography and the environment; immigration and migration; race, ethnicity, and gender in society, politics, economy, and culture. CA 1. CA 4-INT.

**LLAS 2012**—Latinos in Connecticut: Writing for the Community  
**Instructor:** Anne Gebelein  
Th ’3:30-6:00PM  
Students partner with Latino agencies to apply research and writing skills to community needs. Community theory, digital literacy, historical background of CT Latinos, contemporary issues that impact the population. Service learning component.

**LLAS 3021**—Contemporary Latin America  
**Instructor:** Olivia Marcus  
Tu/Th ‘12:30-1:45PM  
Survey of anthropological contributions to the study of contemporary Mexico, Central America, South America, and the Hispanic Caribbean. Special focus on the comparative analysis of recent ethnographic case studies and local/regional/national/international linkages.

**LLAS 3221**—Latinos/as and Human Rights  
**Instructor:** Anne Gebelein  
Tu/Th ‘11:00-12:15PM  
Latino/a issues related to human, civil and cultural rights, and gender differences.

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**LLAS 3233**—Studies in Latina/o Literature  
**Instructor:** Lisa Sanchez  
Tu/Th ’12:30-1:45PM  
Advanced study of a theme, form, author, or movement in contemporary Latina/o literature. May be repeated for credit with a change in topic.

**LLAS 3251**—Latinos: Sexuality & Gender  
**Instructor:** Marysol Asencio  
Tu ’3:30-6:00PM  
Critical discussion of issues involving gender and sexuality among Latinos, with particular attention to race, class, ethnicity, and acculturation.

**LLAS 3525**—Latino Sociology  
**Instructor:** Daisy Reyes  
M/W’4:40-5:55PM  
The economic, social, political, and cultural experiences of Latinos in the United States. CA 2. CA 4.

**LLAS 3609**—Latin America in the National Period  
**Instructor:** Claudio Daflon  
M/W/F’10:30-11:00AM  
Representative countries in North, Central, and South America and the Caribbean together with the historic development of inter-American relations and contemporary Latin American problems. CA 1. CA 4-INT.

**LLAS 3635**—History of Modern Mexico  
**Instructor:** Rodolfo Fernandez  
Tu/Th ’2:00-3:15PM  
The emergence of modern Mexico from independence to the present with emphasis on the Revolution of 1910. CA 1. CA 4-INT.

**LLAS 3998.002**—Education in Latinx Diaspora  
**Instructor:** Jason Irizarry  
Tu/Th ’9:30-10:45AM  
This course critically examines the educational experiences and outcomes for Latinx students in U.S. schools, highlighting the various ways Latinx students and families have asserted agency in their quest for educational equity.

**LLAS 3998.003**—Women’s Health/ Latinx & Afro-American  
**Instructor:** Yvette Martas  
W ’2:30-5:00PM  
This course will address the health care issues and disparities experienced by the women in the Latinx and Afro American communities.

**LLAS 3998.006**—Puerto Rican Catastrophe  
**Instructor:** Charles Santiago  
M ’1:25-3:35PM  
This course provides students with a historical overview of Puerto Rico’s territorial status as well as with a discussion of the recent debates over the responses to various crises in the island. The course will focus on how a narrative of catastrophe has been used to describe the living conditions of the island’s residents.