



LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES

University of Miami • College of Arts & Sciences

Latin American Studies Undergraduate Course Listing: Summer 2024

Course	Course Title	Professor	Date	Instruction Mode	Time	Course Notes
GHS 301-01	Sociocultural Foundations of Global Health	Gina Gomez	MoWed	In Person	8:30am-1:25pm	The class examines the sociocultural and historical foundations of Global Health. It analyzes major global health challenges, programs and policies. Students are introduced to emerging global health priorities, social and cultural determinants of health and vulnerability to diseases and human insecurity. It compares health systems across countries and cultures and evaluate access and utilization of health services. It finally assesses key community-based and global initiatives, and identifies resources for learning and career opportunities in global health.
INS 321-B23	International Development	Maria Gomez-Mera	TuWedTh	Online	3:10pm-6:15pm	A synthesis of major theories of international development, institutional architecture, and practice of international development. Focuses on key international development policies such as trade, macroeconomic finance, and equity. Considers narrow conceptions of modernity, growth, progress, wellbeing, and culture toward broader conceptions of freedom and/or sustainable development in both the Global North and Global South.
INS 420-A23	Global Trade	Maria Gomez-Mera	TuWedTh	Online	3:10pm-6:15pm	Economic principles in global issues such as comparative advantage; specialization and trade; macroeconomics in the open economy; commercial policy; globalization; inequalities, within and among nations; and governance. Prerequisite: INS 102.
LAS 494-01	Independent Study in Latin American and Caribbean Studies	John Twichell	TBA	In Person	TBA	Independent study leading to a thesis, original piece of research, or creative project on a Latin American or Caribbean subject. Instructor Consent Required.
LAS 495-01	Senior Honors Thesis I	John Twichell	TBA	In Person	TBA	This course pairs students with a faculty mentor to set and guide a research agenda in preparation for writing the senior honors thesis. Students will study advanced topics in Latin American and Caribbean Studies, according to faculty interests. Instructor Consent Required/Prerequisite: LAS 101.
LAS 496-01	Senior Honors Thesis II	John Twichell	TBA	In Person	TBA	This course pairs students with a faculty mentor to guide the writing process for the senior honors thesis. Students will study advanced topics in Latin American and Caribbean Studies, according to faculty interests. Instructor Consent Required/Prerequisite: LAS 101.
LAS 505-01	Internship in Latin American and Caribbean Studies	John Twichell	TBA	In Person	TBA	On-site experience in business, governmental organization, or non-profit organization dealing with Latin America and/or the Caribbean. Instructor Consent Required.
LAS 506-01	Civic Engagement in Latin America	John Twichell	TBA	In Person	TBA	On site experience in a civic engagement project in Latin America or the Caribbean. Instructor Consent Required.
MCY 121-B80	Hip-Hop History, Culture and Globalization	Brent Swanson	MoTuWedThF	Online	11:15am-2:00pm	A critical history and analysis of the hip-hop culture in the U.S. and beyond. The course will cover major historical periods hip-hop in the U.S. beginning in the 1970's through its global impact in the 21st century. The course will also include analysis of technology, gender, race, sexuality, religion and politics related to hip-hop culture. Department Consent Required/Requisite: Must not be in School of Music, unless in the BA in MIND program.
MLL 322-91	Topics in Comparative Cultural Studies	Marcia Fanti Negri	TuWedTh	Online	6:30pm-9:35pm	Cultural phenomena in various societies. Interdisciplinary analysis of the political dynamics of contemporary culture and its historical foundations with a focus on ideology, social class, nationality, ethnicity, sexuality and/or gender. Specific topics vary; may be repeated for credit if topics differ. Taught in English. Department Consent Required/Prerequisite: WRS 106 or ENG 106 or WRS 107 or ENG 107.
POL 367-A23	The Historical Roots of American Imperialism	John Twichell	TuWedTh	Online	3:10pm-6:15pm	Examines the assertive and exploitative aspects of U.S. foreign policy. Prerequisite: POL 203 or INS 101.
POL 391-A23	Special Topics in International Relations	Maria Gomez-Mera	TuWedTh	Online	3:10pm-6:15pm	A lecture course in International Relations, designed to give the student a greater degree of knowledge of a particular subject within this subfield. This topic may be repeated for credit. Prerequisite: POL 203 or INS 101.
POL 391-B23	Special Topics in International Relations	Maria Gomez-Mera	TuWedTh	Online	3:10pm-6:15pm	A lecture course in International Relations, designed to give the student a greater degree of knowledge of a particular subject within this subfield. This topic may be repeated for credit. Prerequisite: POL 203 or INS 101.

REL 345-B30	Religion and Gender	Eziaku Nwokocho	MoWed	In Person	1:00pm-5:55pm	Examination of what we know about the lives of woman (and men) from the classical period through modernity, with an emphasis on sexuality and gender in ancient Greece and Rome. Using cross-cultural analysis and a variety of ancient literature, scholarship and material culture, together we will reconstruct and (re)examine the socio-cultural environments and practices that have fostered Western discourses on sexual difference and gender identity over time, paying particular attention to how religion and religious practices are integral to understandings of the natural world, natural law and the self. Some of the questions we will ask include: What does it mean to be male or female? What can we discover about ourselves from the way(s) we have sex? How are all these things related to life, love, power?
SOC 210-A11	Introduction to Social Research	TBA	MoTuWedTh	In Person	1:40pm-4:00pm	This course provides students with an overview of the social science research process and introduces them to the various methodological strategies used by social scientists. The various steps by which research is conducted will be examined such as study design and implementation, data collection and interpretation of findings. Students will also be able to critique the strengths and limitations of difference research methodologies. Prerequisite: SOC 101.
SOC 211-B01	Quantative Methods for Sociologists	TBA	MoTuWedThFr	In Person	12:50pm-2:45pm	This course is designed to introduce students to descriptive and inferential statistics used in sociology, criminology, and other social sciences. We will cover measures of central tendency and variation, probability distributions, hypothesis testing, and bivariate techniques such as correlation and an introduction to regression. Prerequisite: SOC 101, 210. Corequisite: 212.
SOC 212-01-LAB	Quantative Methods Lab	TBA	Th	In Person	3:00pm-4:55pm	Statistical lab associated with SOC 211 introduces the use of computer statistical packages for analyzing quantitative data. Prerequisite: SOC 101 and (SOC 210 or GEG 305) And Corequisite: SOC 211.