



LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES

University of Miami • College of Arts & Sciences

Latin American Studies Undergraduate Course Listing: Fall 2024

Course	Course Title	Professor	Date	Instruction Mode	Time	Course Notes
AAS 360-CD	Black Miami Studies	Donette Francis	MoWed	In Person	10:10am-11:25am	Miami is an experiment in the American future-- that is, the future of the wider Americas, including but not exclusively the US. Longstanding ethnic and national diversity among peoples of Africa and African descent in South Florida makes it a model for changing demographics around the US and the hemisphere. Thus, this course will focus on social-cultural, spatial, aesthetic and historical factors that have created contemporary Black Miami-- an important yet understudied crossroad of the US south and the global south-- identifying, documenting, and 'mapping' Black Miami arts and aesthetics, built environment, and community capacity, for example. The City of Miami and its environs provide us a very rich 'field' to practice seeing (for example, like an anthropologist/ethnographer, or a cultural critic, or an architect, or an epidemiologist...), as we engage various local communities as our ethnographic research field. Through engaging interdisciplinary works and assignments; and regular guest appearances; students will participate in the creation and nurturing of new knowledge and generative linkages between the university, local and global Black Miami institutions, communities and discourses. Our sessions will typically combine theoretical and methodological discussions, close readings of assigned works, and 'workshop' elements-- including sharing of work and occasional short in-class writing. Assignments will be re-iterative, and focus on refining writing and critical skills, in a community of scholars.
APY 311-EF	Cuba Culture, History and Society	Jorge Hung	MoWed	In Person	12:20pm-1:35pm	The course focuses on characterizing and analyzing the origins of the diverse cultural practices, traditions, and imaginaries that distinguish the communities of contemporary Cuban society. This analysis is developed from a diachronic, multi-situated, and comparative perspective to generate an integral and holistic understanding of the Cuban social and cultural universe and its regional nuances. Cuba's historical and cultural links with the Caribbean and other regions of the world, migratory processes, diasporas, and other phenomena that have influenced the origins and development of the Cuban sociocultural universe will be analyzed from specific case studies. The course deconstructs stereotyped and reductionist models about Cuban and Caribbean culture and societies. It provides an understanding of contemporary Cuban from an inclusive and multivocal perspective of its history and cultural heritage. Department Consent Required
APY 345-J	Blood and Chocolate: Ancient Civilizations of Mesoamerica	Traci Ardren	MoWed	In Person	5:05pm-6:20pm	An archaeological approach to understanding the major pre-Columbian cultures of Mesoamerica, from Olmec to Aztec periods, with emphasis on the ancient Maya. The particular accomplishments of this area such as the domestication of chocolate and corn, hieroglyphic writing, and elaborate sacrificial rituals will be explored.
APY 360-GH	Anthropology of Food	Traci Ardren	MoWed	In Person	2:30PM-3:45PM	Evolution of human diet, basic nutrition, food taboos, effects of domestication, effects of diet on skeletal remains, analysis of your own food habits, and the impact of certain foods on the biocultural evolution of our species.
APY 399-HI	The Anthropology of Kinship and Family in America	Louis Marcelin	MoWed	In Person	3:35pm-4:50pm	Theories of kinship and the family. It will examine emergence of new patterns of kinship networks and construction of individuals. Ethnographic materials will be drawn from the Americas and the Caribbean, particularly Brazil, Cuba, Haiti, Jamaica and the United States.
APY 418-H	Seminar in Anthropology	Timothy Norris	MoWedFri	In Person	3:35pm-4:25pm	Consideration of special topics in physical anthropology, linguistics, archaeology and ethnology and their interrelationships. <i>Combined with LAS 320-H/GEG390-H/APY 611-H/INS 310-H/HIS 396-H.</i>

BPH 310-GH	Global Health	TBA	MoWed	In Person	2:30pm-3:45pm	Introduction to the concepts of global health and the critical links between public health and social and economic development. Determinants of health and patterns of disease and health outcomes across the global are critically examined. The course reviews the determinants of health status in terms of biology, demography, epidemiology, culture, sociology, economics, and politics. Key concerns regarding reproductive health, child survival, nutrition, communicable diseases, and chronic diseases are examined. Health care delivery in developed vs. undeveloped regions of the world are emphasized. Requisite: Must be Public Health Major. Prerequisite: BPH 206.
CUB 511-01	Cuban Studies Internship	Michael Bustamante	TBA	In Person	TBA	The internship is an opportunity to apply analytical, interpretative, and creative skills developed in coursework. Internships ordinarily take place at the Cuban Heritage Collection, where students will assist with the collection, acquisition, cataloguing, preservation, and/or interpretation of collection materials. Internships may also take place outside the university in cultural, business, or not-for-profit organizations and institutions relevant to the Cuban Studies field. Internships involve UM--faculty supervision, as well as supervised on-site experience. Students need to fill out the Internship Application Form. Normally 27 internship hours are required per credit earned. A maximum of three semester hours of internship credit may be counted toward the student's degree program. Permission of faculty member is required (the site supervisor will apply documentary evidence of the hours worked). Prerequisite: CUB 201 and one of the following: ARH 420, APY 311, HIS 310, HIS 353, LAW 198, MCY 333, SPA 319, SPA 361.
ECO 371-S	Latin America, the Caribbean and the Global Economy	Michael Connolly	TuTh	In Person	3:30pm-4:45pm	An analysis of the historical and projected economic growth of major Latin American and Caribbean countries, with emphasis on the post World War II period. This course analyzes industrialization, foreign investment, international trade and regional integration, monetary and fiscal policies, exchange rates, financial stability, corruption, and development strategies and planning within the context of Latin America and the Caribbean. Prerequisite: ECO 213 or ECO 211 and ECO 212.
ECO 371-T	Latin America, the Caribbean and the Global Economy	Michael Connolly	TuTh	In Person	5:05pm-6:20pm	An analysis of the historical and projected economic growth of major Latin American and Caribbean countries, with emphasis on the post World War II period. This course analyzes industrialization, foreign investment, international trade and regional integration, monetary and fiscal policies, exchange rates, financial stability, corruption, and development strategies and planning within the context of Latin America and the Caribbean. Prerequisite: ECO 213 or ECO 211 and ECO 212.
ECO 445-D	Global Economics:Trade and Currencies	Maria Lorca Susino	MoWedFr	In Person	11:15am-12:05pm	In this course, students are exposed to two fundamental topics which are primordial to the understanding of any economic, political and/or social circumstance in any given country at any given time: (1) The evolution and meaning of the business cycle and capitalism, and (2) The effect of international trade and currencies. These two themes have sparked debates for centuries as they have great implications in the development of countries. Also, this course challenges students' critical thinking and analytical skills with a wide range of controversial readings on these two topics.This course is divided into four sections. The first one introduces students to the idea of the business cycle. The second section aims at explaining how capitalism was born and how it has evolved in the 19th and 20th centuries. Then, the course centers on explaining capitalism today and presents criticisms. And finally, students analyze how the business cycle and capitalism has unfolded and affected certain countries in Latin America. Prerequisite: ECO 301 or ECO 303.
ECS 310-CD	Sustainable Living	Theresa Pinto	MoWed	In Person	10:10am-11:25am	Sustainable Living explores ways of living that can be sustained for thousands of years, without further damage to earth, ocean and atmosphere. Topics covered include renewable energy, agricultural practices, water issues, green building, low carbon transportation and healthy living/eating. Students advocate for sustainable practices of their choice in writing and in oral/visual presentations. Frequent field trips.

ECS 324-R	You & Your Microbiome	Kathleen McAuliffe	TuTh	In Person	2:00pm-3:15pm	Recent advances in immunology, genetic manipulation and the microbiome; consequences on emerging notions of personalized health and medications; the creation of tailored therapies against cancer; implications for cost of healthcare and politics of medicine.
ECS 357-CD	Global Food: A Hands-On Approach	Richard Weisskof	MoWed	In Person	10:10am-11:25am	Application of principles of permaculture via designing and creating a small "global farm" on campus to grow perennial food crops which are unique to the South Florida environment. We learn by doing, cultivating plants that hold the solution to world hunger problems.
ENG 361-EF	Caribbean Literature	Patricia Saunders	MoWed	In Person	12:20pm-1:35pm	Introduction to twentieth-century literature with special emphasis on the regional preoccupation with a distinctly Caribbean aesthetic.
GEG 266-1T	Metropolitan Miami	Han Li	Tu	In Person	5:05pm-7:50pm	This course provides interdisciplinary perspectives on the urbanization of South Florida and on Miami's urban milieu. The course uses the case of Metropolitan Miami to introduce and illustrate a range of basic concepts in urban studies
GEG 331-S	Sustainable Development	Jose Maria Cardoso da Silva	TuTh	In Person	3:30pm-4:45pm	The concepts of sustainable development, its origins, and the global conventions associated with it. We use indicators of human well-being, governance, environmental conservation, social inclusion, and economic prosperity to evaluate how countries are making their development trajectories more sustainable. Although most of our discussion adopts a global perspective, the research conducted by students is focused on the challenges for implementing sustainable development policies in tropical and sub-tropical countries.
GEG 520-5T	Sustainable Cities	Richard Grant	Th	In Person	5:05pm-7:50pm	The emerging field of urban sustainability from an interdisciplinary perspective, by providing major theories and methodologies in sustainable urbanism, especially in terms of urban resilience, economic inequality, urban ecology, and environmental justice.
GHS 312-5T	People, Plagues, and Pandemics	Douglas Fuller	Th	In Person	5:05pm-7:50pm	The history of pandemics shows that we have not learned from history. Is there a lesson in this recurring failure? Would we even realize it if there was? After the Ebola outbreak, epidemiologists expressed the important lessons that we failed to learn from previous outbreaks of disease. Many others have taken note of how plagues of swine flu and the like failed to generate more funding for epidemic/pandemic preparedness and response, and declared that government officials overlooked lessons from hypothetical pandemic exercises. Some have drawn comparisons between our slow response and denial of the Covid-19 crisis and the long delay in responding to the AIDS pandemic. Why are we so bad at doing this in practice? Are we ever going to break the vicious cycle of panic and neglect? The purpose of this course is to provide an introductory overview to emerging infectious diseases (EIDs) in the context of previous global outbreaks, focusing on geography, origin, and management response. Through a combination of discussions and/or group activities, case studies, and lecture style introductions to weekly themes, students will gain a deeper understanding of disease, or group of diseases as illustrations of the impact of global outbreaks, responses, social, demographic, economic, and environmental context of historical and modern epidemics; and on basic models of infectious disease processes.
HAI 201-K	Intermediate Haitian Creole I	Cherol Marcelin	MoWed	In Person	6:35pm-7:50pm	Basic listening, speaking, reading and writing skills developed in Elementary Haitian Creole 102. Continued development of communicative abilities and introduction to the cultural practices, family values, and social and environmental issues of Haiti. Include both oral and written components. Prerequisite: HAI 102.
HIS 162-P	History of Modern Latin America	Eduardo Elena	TuTh	In Person	11:0am-12:15pm	A survey of the national period in Latin American history, emphasizing the political and social issues in the transition from colonialism to nationhood.
HIS 308-E	West Africa since 1000 A.D	Edmund Abaka	MoWedFr	In Person	12:20pm-1:10pm	The Sudanic empires, the spread of Islam, the slave and legitimate trades, the establishment of European colonies, and the struggle for independence.
HIS 353-P	History of Cuba	Michael Bustamante	TuTh	In Person	11:00am-12:15pm	The development of the Cuban nation, from the late-nineteenth century to the present. This course pays particular attention to the Revolution (leading up to and after 1959) as a contested historical process and experience. In addition to historical scholarship, students will engage a range of primary source materials, including visual art, literature, and film.
HIS 591-R	Studies in Comparative History	Eduardo Elena	Th	In Person	2:00pm-4:45pm	Selected topics in Comparative History. Subtitles describing the topics to be offered will be shown in parentheses in the printed class schedule, following the title.
INS 310-1T	Advanced Topics In INS	Vendulka Kubalkova	Tu	In Person	5:05pm-7:50pm	Content varies by semester and is indicated in parentheses following course number and title in Class Schedule. Prerequisite: INS 101 or POL 203.

INS 322-EF	Economics of Development and the Environment	Richard Weisskof	MoWed	In Person	12:20pm-1:35pm	Structural changes that accompany economic growth that impact the environment and sustainable development. Prerequisite: INS 102 or ECO 211 or ECO 212.
INS 357-CD	Global Food: A Hands-On Approach	Richard Weisskof	MoWed	In Person	10:10am-11:25am	Application of principles of permaculture via designing and creating a small "global farm" on campus to grow perennial food crops which are unique to the South Florida environment. We learn by doing, cultivating plants that hold the solution to world hunger problems.
INS 521-1R	International Economic System Topics II	Maria Gomez-Mera	Tu	In Person	2:00pm-4:45pm	Selected topics in International Economics. Subtitles describing the topics to be offered will be shown in parentheses in the printed class schedule, following the title.
INS 533-5T	Transnational Social Movements	Vendulka Kubalkova	Th	In Person	5:05pm-7:50pm	Focuses on global civic activism and contentious politics, with particular attention to transnational non-state actors - NGOs, social movements, environmental protection, and the emergence of a global civil society.
INS 537-4J	Comparative Political Economy	Maria Gomez-Mera	Wed	In Person	5:05pm-7:50pm	Compares how domestic politics and macroeconomic policies interact with globalization. Case studies include welfare states in the U.S. and Europe, East Asian development, post communist transitions and market restructuring in Latin America and Africa.
INS 565-O	The World Before European Domination	John Twichell	TuTh	In Person	9:30am-10:45am	The historical roots of the contemporary international system. Its objective is to question the standard Eurocentric perspective on the rise of the West to a dominant position in the global system.
INS 569-QEP	Global Issues and Film Making: A Trans-disciplinary Approach	Dina Moulioukova/Ali Habashi	TuTh	In Person	12:30pm-1:45pm	Global issues and filmmaking studied via a transdisciplinary approach. Topical focus varies among health, foreign aid, human security, international development, and global urbanization
INS 580-P	Latin American Comparative Politics	John Twichell	TuTH	In Person	11:00am-12:15pm	The major intellectual debates shaping the field of comparative politics including: (1) development, (2) military politics, (3) democratization and (4) the emergence of new social movements.
JMM 510-1T	Latin American Journalism and Media Systems	Luis Garcia Conde	Tu	In Person	5:05pm-7:50pm	This course examines journalism and society in the countries of Latin America and the Spanish Caribbean. We are especially concerned with how journalism intersects with democracy, sustainable living, social justice and rights. Requirements: Sophmore Standing or Higher.
LAS 101-Q	Introduction to Latin American and Caribbean Studies	John Twichell	TuTH	In Person	12:30pm-1:45pm	Course will focus on culture, economy, geography, history, politics, and society of Latin America and the Caribbean, as well as on the ways in which scholars have studied the region. LAS101 replaces LAS201.
LAS 301-GH	Interdisciplinary Topics in Latin American and Caribbean Studies	Yolanda Martinez-San Miguel	MoWed	In Person	2:30PM-3:45PM	Topics vary, Interdisciplinary focus may be thematic (e.g.: revolutions, new social movements, women's rights, Latin Americanism, testimonio, culture industries,etc.) or regional/national (e.g.: Andean Studies, Southern Cone Studies, Caribbean Studies, Mexican Studies, etc.)
LAS 301-J	Interdisciplinary Topics in Latin American and Caribbean Studies	Steven Butterman	MoWed	In Person	5:05pm-6:20pm	Topics vary, Interdisciplinary focus may be thematic (e.g.: revolutions, new social movements, women's rights, Latin Americanism, testimonio, culture industries,etc.) or regional/national (e.g.: Andean Studies, Southern Cone Studies, Caribbean Studies, Mexican Studies, etc.)
LAS 301-P	Interdisciplinary Topics in Latin American and Caribbean Studies	Lillian Manzor/Marcia Fanti Negri	TuTh	In Person	11:00am-12:15pm	Topics vary, Interdisciplinary focus may be thematic (e.g.: revolutions, new social movements, women's rights, Latin Americanism, testimonio, culture industries,etc.) or regional/national (e.g.: Andean Studies, Southern Cone Studies, Caribbean Studies, Mexican Studies, etc.)
LAS 320-H	Special Topics in Latin American and Caribbean Environment	Timothy Norris	MoWedFr	In Person	3:35pm-4:25pm	Consideration of special topics in physical anthropology, linguistics, archaeology and ethnology and their interrelationships. <i>Combined with LAS 320-H/GEG390-H/APY 611-H/INS 310-H/HIS 396-H.</i>
LAS 350-EF	Special Topics in Latin American and Caribbean Art and Culture	Omar Vargas	MoWed	In Person	12:20pm-1:35pm	Topics vary. Focus may be thematic or regional, but will address issues in Latin American and Caribbean Art and Culture.
LAS 350-O	Special Topics in Latin American and Caribbean Art and Culture	Bridget Arce/Savannah Saavedra	TuTh	In Person	9:30am-10:45am	Topics vary. Focus may be thematic or regional, but will address issues in Latin American and Caribbean Art and Culture.
LAS 350-T	Special Topics in Latin American and Caribbean Art and Culture	Andew Lynch	TuTh	In Person	5:05pm-6:20pm	Topics vary. Focus may be thematic or regional, but will address issues in Latin American and Caribbean Art and Culture.
LAS 491-R	Debates on Current Issues in Latin American and Caribbean Studies	Ager Gondra	TuTh	In Person	2:00pm-3:15pm	Content may vary from semester to semester. This is an upper level course to allow debate and discussion on current issues and events affecting Latin America, the Caribbean and Latino communities in the United States.
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.

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. Add Consent: Instructor Consent Required/Drop Consent: Instructor Consent Required Requisite: General Honors Program. 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. Add Consent/Drop Consent Instructor Consent Required.Requisite: General Honors Program.Prerequisite: LAS 101.
LAS 505-02	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. Add Consent/Drop Consent: Instructor Consent Required.
LAS 506-02	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. Add Consent/Drop Consent: Instructor Consent Required.
LAS 560-O	Special Topics in Latin American and Caribbean Politics	John Twichell	TuTh	In Person	9:30am-10:45am	Topics vary. Interdisciplinary focus may be thematic or regional (e.g., democracy, new social movements, globalization, politics and society), but will address Latin American and Caribbean politics.
LAS 591-P	Debates on Current Issues in Latin American and Caribbean Studies	John Twichell	TuTh	In Person	11:00am-12:15pm	Content may vary from semester to semester. This is a graduate course to allow debate and discussion on current issues and events affecting Latin America, the Caribbean, and Latino communities in the United States. Add Consent: Instructor Consent Required.
MCY 121-Q	Hip-Hop History, Culture and Globalization	Brent Swanson	TuTh	Online	12:30pm-1:45pm	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. Requisite: Must not be in School of Music, unless in the BA in MIND program.
MCY 121-T	Hip-Hop History, Culture and Globalization	Brent Swanson	TuTh	In Person	5:05pm-6:20pm	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. Requisite: Must not be in School of Music, unless in the BA in MIND program.
POL 386-EF	Democratic Consolidation	Dilara Hekimci	MoWed	In Person	12:20pm-1:35pm	Explore the general concept of "democratic consolidation" which has become a timely topic in the discourse of today's foreign policy. We will examine the central theoretical concepts that frame the discourse and then examine several case studies. Prerequisite: POL 202.
POL 565-O	The World Before European Domination	John Twichell	TuTh	In Person	9:30am-10:45am	Examines the historical roots of the contemporary international system, and questions the standard Eurocentric perspective on the rise of the West to a dominant position in the global system. Prerequisite: POL 203 or INS 101.
POL 568-4K	Indigenous Politics from a Global Perspective	Raymond Orr	Wed	In Person	6:35pm-9:20pm	This seminar explores the contemporary politics of Indigenous Peoples and settler societies. It takes a sociological, legal, political, and anthropological approach to how politics operate within and around Indigenous Peoples. By using a comparative and international perspective, it examines the dynamics of critical relationships in terms of national, regional, and global political order. We will look at standard settler states often referred to as neo-Britains, such as the United States, Canada, New Zealand, and Australia, but also Indigenous Peoples and issues from Europe, Asia, and South America.
POL 582-1R	International Development Policy	Maria Gomez-Mera	Tu	In Person	2:00pm-4:45pm	Overview of the principal theoretical paradigms of the development process Comparative analysis of issues such as the role of the state, strategies of industrialization, changes in social structure, basic needs and the trade-offs between growth and equity. Prerequisite: POL 202.
POL 584-P	Contemporary Latin American Politics	John Twichell	TuTh	In Person	11:0am-12:15pm	This course assumes a basic knowledge of Latin American politics, and is designed to foster deeper understanding of political processes in the region and to provide an overview of key debates among political scientists specializing in Latin America. We discuss issues related to democratic consolidation, political participation, representation and governance. Prerequisite: POL 202.

POL 592-4J	International Political Economy	Maria Gomez-Mera	Wed	In Person	5:05pm-7:50pm	This course introduces students to the study of International Political Economy (IPE). It combines a focus on the main theoretical and methodological approaches used in the study of IPE with the analysis of historical and contemporary issues. Prerequisite: POL 203 or INS 101.
POR 353-J	Brazilian Poetry	Steven Butterman	MoWed	In Person	5:05pm-6:20pm	Brazilian poetry from colonial times to the present. Emphasis on major figures. Taught in Portuguese. Humanities literature credit. Prerequisite: POR 202.
REL 330-J	Caribbean Religion	Eziaku Nwokocha	MoWed	In Person	5:05pm-6:20pm	Caribbean Religion with an emphasis on African Diaspora and Creole religions. The religious traditions we will cover include: Rastafarianism, Regla de Ocha (Santeria), Voodoo, Espiritismo, Regla de Palo, and Obeah.