LAC

Latin American and Caribbean Studies

**LAC 200-J Introduction to Latin American and Caribbean Societies**
Introduction to social science, historical, and cultural perspectives on Latin America and the Caribbean, as well as on Latino communities in the United States. The goal is to develop a critical and broad understanding of Latin America’s social and historical problems and challenges and an appreciation of the region’s economic and cultural contributions.
Advisory Prerequisites: One D.E.C. category F course; one D.E.C. category B or G course
3 credits

**LAC 380 Topics in Latin American Studies**
Semester supplements to this Bulletin contain specific descriptions when course is offered. Topics may include titles such as Literature of the Dominican Republic; and Latinas: History, Society, and Culture. Designed for upper-division students, this course provides an in-depth study of a specific topic relating to non-Western world civilizations. Students will be expected to demonstrate either a knowledge of a broad outline of world history, or the distinctive features of the history, institutions, economy, society, and culture of one non-Western civilization. May be repeated for credit as the topic changes.
Prerequisite: U3 or U4 standing
Advisory Prerequisite: LAC 200
3 credits

**LAC 487 Independent Research in Latin American and Caribbean Studies**
Supervised research with faculty in the Latin American and Caribbean Studies program. Students develop their own research projects under the supervision of a faculty member or assist with a faculty member’s own research. May be repeated to a limit of 6 credits.
Prerequisites: 15 credits toward the Latin American and Caribbean studies minor; permission of instructor
0-6 credits

**LAC 488 Internship**
Volunteer work in community, research organizations, or cultural centers relating to Latin American or Latino affairs, arranged in consultation with the LACC director. Current list of intern opportunities available at the LACC, Social and Behavioral Sciences building, N-333.
Prerequisites: 15 credits in LAC studies; permission of instructor and director
0-6 credits, S/U grading

**LAC 490 Senior Seminar in Latin American and Caribbean Studies**
A small thematic interdisciplinary seminar integrating students’ broader college experience in Latin American and Caribbean courses. Themes vary depending on instructor.
Prerequisite: 15 credits toward the minor in Latin American and Caribbean Studies
3 credits