# Latin American and Latinx Studies (LALX)

## LALX 158 - Introduction to Latin American Studies
**Short Title:** Intro Latin American Studies  
**Department:** Modrn & Classicl Lit & Culture  
**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter  
**Course Type:** Lecture  
**Distribution Group:** Distribution Group I  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Restrictions:** Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.  
**Course Level:** Undergraduate Lower-Level  
**Description:** This course immerses students into Caribbean and Latin American studies by introducing them to the history, society, politics, and culture of the region, through a cross-disciplinary and a multi-national approach. Taught in English. Open to all students. Previously offered as SPAN 158 and LASR 158. Credit cannot be earned for LALX 158 if a student has previously taken SPAN 158 or LASR 158. Cross-list: SPAN 158.

## LALX 238 - Special Topics
**Short Title:** Special Topics  
**Department:** Modrn & Classicl Lit & Culture  
**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter  
**Course Type:** Activity Course, Intensive Learning Experience, Independent Study, Internship/Practicum, Laboratory, Lecture, Lecture/Laboratory, Research, Seminar, Studio  
**Credit Hours:** 1-4  
**Restrictions:** Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.  
**Course Level:** Undergraduate Lower-Level  
**Description:** Topics and credit hours vary each semester. Contact department for current semester's topic(s). Repeatable for Credit.

## LALX 251 - Continuities and Changes in Brazilian History
**Short Title:** Brazil: Continuity & Change  
**Department:** Modrn & Classicl Lit & Culture  
**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter  
**Course Type:** Lecture  
**Distribution Group:** Distribution Group I  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Restrictions:** Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.  
**Course Level:** Undergraduate Lower-Level  
**Description:** An exploration of themes essential to understanding modern Brazil, such as the origins of a multi-racial society, the transition from monoculture to industry, authoritarian and democratic trends, the emergence of a uniquely Brazilian culture, and the conflicts - environmental, political, and economic - over the development of the Amazon. Cross-list: HIST 251.

## LALX 350 - Pirates, Rebels, Narcos: Latin American Outlaws in the Political-Cultural Imagination
**Short Title:** Pirates, Rebels, Narcos  
**Department:** Modrn & Classicl Lit & Culture  
**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter  
**Course Type:** Lecture  
**Distribution Group:** Distribution Group I  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Restrictions:** Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.  
**Course Level:** Undergraduate Upper-Level  
**Description:** The outlaw is a central figure in the political-cultural imagination on Latin America. Through a study of popular culture and literature, this course provides a critical exploration of this figure: from pirates and runaway slaves in colonial times, to nineteenth century bandits, and more recently guerrillas and narcos. Taught in English. Formerly offered as LASR 350.

## LALX 378 - Latin American Political Thought: Identity, Liberation, Modernity
**Short Title:** Latin Am. Political Thought  
**Department:** Modrn & Classicl Lit & Culture  
**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter  
**Course Type:** Lecture  
**Distribution Group:** Distribution Group I  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Restrictions:** Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.  
**Course Level:** Undergraduate Upper-Level  
**Description:** This course gives students an overview of the main thinkers, currents, concepts, and topics in Latin American and Latinx political thought. It is organized around three modules that address central topics: identity & transculturation; liberation; and modernity. Taught in English. Counts toward the minor in PLST. Formerly offered as LASR 378.

## LALX 390 - Reclaiming the Future: Contemporary Technology, Culture & Society in Latin America
**Short Title:** Tech Culture & Soc in Latin Am  
**Department:** Modrn & Classicl Lit & Culture  
**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter  
**Course Type:** Lecture  
**Distribution Group:** Distribution Group I  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Restrictions:** Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.  
**Course Level:** Undergraduate Upper-Level  
**Description:** What is the role of technology in helping Latin America articulate a post-neoliberal future? This course examines the past, present, and future of the relation between technology and society in Latin America, focusing on contemporary efforts in popular culture and media to syncretize old and new forms of knowledge and techno-social production. Taught in English. Formerly offered as LASR 390.
LALX 477 - SPECIAL TOPICS
Short Title: SPECIAL TOPICS
Department: Modrn & Classicl Lit & Culture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Activity Course, Intensive Learning Experience, Independent Study, Internship/Practicum, Laboratory, Lecture, Lecture/Laboratory, Research, Seminar, Studio
Credit Hours: 1-4
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: Topics and credit hours may vary each semester. Contact department for current semester's topic(s). Repeatable for Credit.

LALX 490 - INDEPENDENT STUDY IN LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES
Short Title: INDEPENDENT STUDIES
Department: Modrn & Classicl Lit & Culture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Independent Study
Credit Hours: 1-3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: A variable-credit course designed for students who want to pursue intensive semester-long study of a particular topic not included in the curriculum. Language may be in English or Spanish. Instructor permission required. Repeatable for credit. Formerly offered as LASR 490. Instructor Permission Required. Repeatable for Credit.

LALX 492 - DIRECTED RESEARCH
Short Title: DIRECTED RESEARCH
Department: Modrn & Classicl Lit & Culture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Research
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: Independent research and investigation on any aspect of Latin America, Latin American studies, or U. S. Latinx studies. This course includes directed research and/or a research project. Student will work independently with only minimal faculty supervision. Permission of the instructor is required. Formerly offered as LASR 492. Instructor Permission Required. Repeatable for Credit.