

# Latin American Studies

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## Overview

The programs in Latin American Studies is designed to provide a balanced curriculum in the history, culture, and society of Latin America for students wishing a broader perspective than is usually available through a department major or graduate degree program.

Latin American Studies is administered by the International & Area Studies Academic Program (IAS) (<http://iastp.berkeley.edu>) .

## Undergraduate Program

Latin American Studies (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/archive/2015-16/undergraduate/degree-programs/latin-american-studies>) : BA

## Graduate Program

Latin American Studies (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/archive/2015-16/graduate/degree-programs/latin-american-studies>) : MA

## Latin American Studies

LATAMST 10 Introduction to Latin American Studies 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2016, Fall 2015, Fall 2014

This course is intended as a lower division, interdisciplinary core course for students planning to pursue the Latin American Studies major, as well as other interested students. The aim is to provide an introduction to the field that integrates the offerings from the various disciplines. Particular attention will be given to the analysis of the relationship between cultural expression and the politics, economy, and history of the region.

### Rules & Requirements

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

**Summer:** 8 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week

### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Latin American Studies/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

LATAMST 24 Freshman Seminar 1 Unit

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

The Freshman Seminar Program has been designed to provide new students with the opportunity to explore an intellectual topic with a faculty member in a small seminar setting. Freshman seminars are offered in all campus departments, and topics vary from department to department and semester to semester. Enrollment is limited to 15 freshmen.

### Rules & Requirements

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit as topic varies. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 1 hour of seminar per week

**Summer:** 8 weeks - 2 hours of seminar per week

### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Latin American Studies/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** The grading option will be decided by the instructor when the class is offered. Final exam required.

LATAMST 150 Advanced Studies in Latin American Studies 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2017, Fall 2016, Spring 2016

Advanced research in current issues or regions of Latin American Studies. The course will focus on specific areas or topics with appropriate comparative material included. Topics change each semester.

### Rules & Requirements

**Prerequisites:** Consent of instructor

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

### Summer:

6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week

8 weeks - 5.5 hours of lecture per week

### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Latin American Studies/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

**LATAMST 160 The Politics of Development in Chile 6 Units**

Terms offered: Summer 2017 Second 6 Week Session, Summer 2016 Second 6 Week Session, Summer 2015 Second 6 Week Session  
 This course examines the politics of development in Chile. We will consider the different social and economic policies implemented during the years of the Popular Unity Coalition, the Pinochet dictatorship, in the transition back to a democratic political system, and the Concertacion governments that followed. We end the course by studying challenges to the neoliberal model, including the recent massive student mobilizations demanding reforms to the educational system, as well as challenges by labor and indigenous groups. We will conclude by considering how globalization shapes the politics of development today.

**Hours & Format**

**Summer:** 6 weeks - 20 hours of lecture per week

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Latin American Studies/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam not required.

**LATAMST 192 Senior Thesis 3 or 4 Units**

Terms offered: Spring 2016, Spring 2015, Fall 2013  
 This course is designed to provide a vehicle for undergraduate students who do not participate in the departmental honors program but are interested in writing a major paper on a Latin American studies topic. The paper should be approximately 30-50 pages in length; the topic must be agreed upon in advance by both the students and faculty sponsor. Requires weekly consultations with faculty sponsor.

**Rules & Requirements**

**Prerequisites:** Senior standing

**Hours & Format**

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3-4 hours of independent study per week

**Summer:**

6 weeks - 3-4 hours of independent study per week

8 weeks - 3-4 hours of independent study per week

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Latin American Studies/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

**LATAMST H195 Senior Honors Thesis Seminar 4 Units**

Terms offered: Spring 2017, Spring 2016, Spring 2015  
 The honors student is required to research and write a thesis based on the prospectus developed in International and Area Studies 102. The thesis work is reviewed by the honors instructor. A second reader is to be selected based on the thesis topic. Weekly reports required.

**Rules & Requirements**

**Prerequisites:** International and Area Studies 102 and consent of instructor; senior standing

**Hours & Format**

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Latin American Studies/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam not required.

**LATAMST 198 Directed Group Study 1 - 4 Units**

Terms offered: Spring 2013, Spring 2012, Spring 2011  
 Topics vary from semester to semester.

**Rules & Requirements**

**Prerequisites:** Upper division standing and consent of instructor

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

**Hours & Format**

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 1-4 hours of directed group study per week

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Latin American Studies/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

**LATAMST 200 Latin American Studies Seminar 1 Unit**

Terms offered: Fall 2017, Fall 2016, Fall 2015  
 Mandatory for Latin American Studies graduate students. Seminars by faculty and advanced graduate students on their current research on Latin America.

**Rules & Requirements**

**Prerequisites:** Consent of instructor

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

**Hours & Format**

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 1.5 hours of lecture per week

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Latin American Studies/Graduate

**Grading:** Offered for satisfactory/unsatisfactory grade only.

**LATAMST 230 Cross-Listed Topics 1 - 4 Units**

Terms offered: Fall 2009, Spring 2009, Fall 2008

This course is designed to accommodate cross-listed courses offered through other departments, the content of which is applicable to the graduate program in Latin American Studies. Content varies from course to course.

**Rules & Requirements**

**Prerequisites:** Consent of instructor

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

**Hours & Format**

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 1-4 hours of independent study per week

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Latin American Studies/Graduate

**Grading:** Letter grade.

**LATAMST 250 Selected Topics in Latin American Studies 4 Units**

Terms offered: Fall 2017, Fall 2016, Fall 2015

Seminar will take a multidisciplinary approach to specific geographical areas with appropriate comparative material included. Topics change each semester.

**Rules & Requirements**

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit with consent of instructor. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

**Hours & Format**

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Latin American Studies/Graduate

**Grading:** Letter grade.

**LATAMST 292 Directed Study and Research 1 - 4 Units**

Terms offered: Summer 2017 First 6 Week Session, Summer 2016 First 6 Week Session, Fall 2015

Directed study and research for graduate students in Latin American Studies. Primarily for graduate students engaged in an interdisciplinary exploration of Latin America-related topics in subject matter not covered in available course offerings. The course will involve directed readings and writing of a report.

**Rules & Requirements**

**Prerequisites:** Consent of instructor

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

**Hours & Format**

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

**Summer:**

6 weeks - 2.5-10 hours of seminar per week

8 weeks - 1.5-7.5 hours of seminar per week

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Latin American Studies/Graduate

**Grading:** Letter grade.

**LATAMST 298 Directed Graduate Group Study 1 - 4 Units**

Terms offered: Fall 2017, Fall 2016, Fall 2015

Topics vary from semester to semester.

**Rules & Requirements**

**Prerequisites:** Consent of instructor and graduate-level standing

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

**Hours & Format**

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 1-4 hours of independent study per week

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Latin American Studies/Graduate

**Grading:** Letter grade.

LATAMST 299 Individual Study 1 - 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2017, Summer 2017 8 Week Session, Fall 2016

Individual study for graduate students in Latin American Studies.

Intended to provide directed reading and supervision for thesis development or special study in Latin American area.

**Rules & Requirements**

**Prerequisites:** Consent of instructor

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

**Hours & Format**

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

**Summer:** 8 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Latin American Studies/Graduate

**Grading:** Offered for satisfactory/unsatisfactory grade only.