

LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN STUDIES, UNDERGRADUATE CERTIFICATE

Like a departmental minor, the LACS undergraduate certificate offers a specific academic focus but differs by being interdisciplinary, allowing students to combine related courses in different disciplines to explore common themes. Students who earn a certificate demonstrate their intellectual commitment to a subject and their competence in scholarly areas, which can prove valuable at the graduate level or in the workplace.

Numerous study abroad opportunities are available to students in any of these programs, including short-term and longer-length. Most students start planning their study abroad experience early in sophomore year for trips that take place in junior year. Popular destinations include Mexico, Cuba, Brazil, Peru, Ecuador, Argentina, and Chile.

Eligibility

The Certificate in Latin American and Caribbean Studies is open to all students seeking a bachelor's degree from UWM, to those who previously received a bachelor's degree from UWM or any other accredited college or university, and to those who do not plan to pursue a college or university degree (non-degree students) but who have a strong interest in this subject. To be admitted to the University as non-degree students, individuals must meet regular University admission requirements. Students currently involved in baccalaureate studies who successfully complete the requirements of the certificate program are awarded the certificate at the time of graduation. Students who already possess the bachelor's degree and non-degree students receive the certificate upon completion of the program requirements.

Requirements

You are strongly advised to consult both the Latin American and Caribbean Studies advisor and your L&S advisor to ensure you stay on track towards a degree.

Proficiency in a language (other than English) widely spoken in Latin America or the Caribbean is required. The Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies will determine which languages will satisfy the certificate. This requirement may be fulfilled by either:

1. successful completion (with a grade of C or above) of any upper-level (numbered 300 or above) course in the target language; or
2. successful completion of a language proficiency examination. Exceptions to this requirement must be approved by the LACS Certificate Committee.

Students must complete 21 credits in Latin American and Caribbean content courses, 12 of which must be at the 300 level or above. The 21 credits include one required course, LACS 101. Students must take courses in at least two curricular areas, although three areas are recommended. No more than 12 credits in any one curricular area may be counted towards the certificate program, and no more than 3 credits may be in independent study courses. In addition to any Latin American content courses taken in a semester-length, UWM-approved study abroad program in Latin America or the Caribbean, an additional three credits for participating also may be counted, if courses are taken within an

immersion setting (as determined by the Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies). A 2.750 GPA or better must be achieved in all UWM coursework and in all certificate credits. At least 12 credits of the Latin American/Caribbean content courses must be completed at UWM.

Courses that meet the certificate requirements include, but are not limited to, those in the following list. For the most current list of Latin American and Caribbean content courses, see the Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies (<http://uwm.edu/clacs/>), located at NWQ B 2484.

African and African Diaspora Studies

Code	Title	Credits
AFRIC 205	The Poetry of African, African-American, and Caribbean Writers	3
AFRIC 299	Ad Hoc: (Sex in the Caribbean)	1-6
AFRIC 311	African Religious Thought and Social Organizations	3
AFRIC 320	Black Cultures in Latin America and the Caribbean	3
AFRIC 334	Survey of Black American and Black Brazilian Societies	3
AFRIC 411	Change in African-American Communities	3
AFRIC 414	The Black Woman in America, Africa, and the Caribbean	3
AFRIC 418	Race, Class, and Gender in Latin America and the Caribbean	3

Anthropology

Code	Title	Credits
ANTHRO 214	Ancient Civilizations of Latin America	3
ANTHRO 225	The Aztec Empire	3
ANTHRO 309	Archaeology of Central and South America	3
ANTHRO 310	Archaeology of Middle America	3
ANTHRO 311	The World of the Ancient Maya	3
ANTHRO 431	Cities and Culture	3

Art History

Code	Title	Credits
ARTHIST 104	African, New World and Oceanic Art and Architecture	3
ARTHIST 251	Introduction to the Art and Architecture of Latin America	3
ARTHIST 343	Art and Culture of Spain and Latin America, 1500-1750	3
ARTHIST 367	Latin American Modernisms	3
ARTHIST 372	Art of the Inca and their Ancestors	3
ARTHIST 373	Art of Ancient Mexico and Central America	3
ARTHIST 375	Art of the Aztec Empire	3
ARTHIST 474	Maya Art	3
ARTHIST 499	Ad Hoc: (Modern Art of Latin America)	1-6

Atmospheric Sciences

Code	Title	Credits
ATM SCI 297	Study Abroad: (Mexico - Air Pollution and Ancient Cultures)	1-12
ATM SCI 497	Study Abroad: (Mexico - Air Pollution and Ancient Cultures)	1-12

Biological Sciences

Code	Title	Credits
BIO SCI 297	Study Abroad: (Ecology of Tropical Streams in Costa Rica)	1-12
BIO SCI 497	Study Abroad: (Ecology of Tropical Streams in Costa Rica)	1-12

Comparative Literature

Code	Title	Credits
COMPLIT 135	Experiencing Literature in the 21st Century: (Women and War in Latin America and the Caribbean)	3
COMPLIT 230	Literature and Society: (Cowboys, Gauchos, and Other Narratives of the Frontier)	3
COMPLIT 232	Literature and Politics: (Gender and the Historical Novel or Women and War)	3
COMPLIT 350	Topics in Comparative Literature: (Literary and Artistic Perspectives on Prostitution)	3
COMPLIT 360	Seminar in Literature and Cultural Experience: (Narratives in Torture)	3
COMPLIT 365	Literatures and Cultures of the Americas:	3

Conservation and Environmental Science

Code	Title	Credits
CES 297	Study Abroad: (Ecology of Tropical Streams in Costa Rica)	1-12
CES 497	Study Abroad: (Ecology of Tropical Streams in Costa Rica)	1-12

Dance

Code	Title	Credits
DANCE 370	World Movement Traditions: (Argentinian Tango)	2-3

Economics

Code	Title	Credits
ECON 193	First-Year Seminar: (Prosperity, Poverty, and Economic Justice)	3
ECON 353	Economic Development	3

English

Code	Title	Credits
ENGLISH 297	Study Abroad: ("Mexico and Cuba - Comparative Globalization" subtitle)	1-12
ENGLISH 316	World Cinema: Subtitles:	3

Caribbean Cinema		
Latin American Cinema		
Mexican Cinema		
Latina and Latin American Women Directors		
Mexican and Cuban Cinema		
ENGLISH 320	Studies in Film and Television Authorship: (Cuban and Mexican Filmmakers)	3
ENGLISH 366	Non-Fiction Prose: (Caribbean Nonfiction)	3
ENGLISH 463	Writers in African-American Literature: (Caribbean Literature)	3
ENGLISH 497	Study Abroad: (Mexico and Cuba - Comparative Globalization)	1-12
ENGLISH 625	Seminar in Literary History: (Caribbean Literary History)	3

Film Studies

Code	Title	Credits
FILMSTD 316	World Cinema: Subtitles: Caribbean Cinema Latin American Cinema Latina and Latin American Women Directors Mexican Cinema Mexican and Cuban Cinema	3

French

Code	Title	Credits
FRENCH 203	Third-Semester French	3
FRENCH 204	Fourth-Semester French	3
FRENCH 210	French Immersion: Intermediate	1-2
FRENCH 213	Grammar for Students of Foreign Languages	3
FRENCH 303	Conversation and Composition: Intermediate Level	3
FRENCH 311	French for International Business/ Professional Communication: Oral Emphasis	3
FRENCH 325	Intensive Grammar and Usage	3
FRENCH 361	French for International Business/ Professional Communication: Writing Focus	3
FRENCH 392	Phonetics	3
FRENCH 401	French for Reading Knowledge	3
FRENCH 410	French Immersion: Advanced	1-2
FRENCH 427	Advanced Written Expression	3

Geography

Code	Title	Credits
GEOG 297	Study Abroad: (Urban Environmental Changes in Guatemala)	1-12
GEOG 421	Geography of Latin America	3

GEOG 497	Study Abroad: (Urban Environmental Changes in Guatemala)	1-12
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History

Code	Title	Credits
HIST 180	Latin American Society and Culture	3
HIST 393	History of Mexico	3
HIST 400	Topics in Latin American and Caribbean History:	3

Latin American and Caribbean Studies

Code	Title	Credits
LACS 101	Introduction to Latin American and Caribbean Studies	3

Latin American, Caribbean, and U.S. Latinx Studies

Code	Title	Credits
LACUSL 200	Special Topics in Latin American, Caribbean, and U.S. Latinx Studies:	3
LACUSL 201	Latin American, Caribbean, and U.S. Latinx Arts and Culture:	3
LACUSL 297	Study Abroad:	1-12
LACUSL 300	Advanced Topics in Latin American, Caribbean, and U.S. Latinx Studies:	3
LACUSL/THEATRE 324	Theatre in the Americas: Latin American, Caribbean, and Latinx Theatre	3
LACUSL 497	Study Abroad:	1-12

Political Science

Code	Title	Credits
POL SCI 325	Latin American Politics	3
POL SCI 326	Brazilian Politics and Society	3
POL SCI 346	U.S.-Latin American Relations	3
POL SCI 368	Gender and Politics in Developing Nations	3
POL SCI 374	Health, Wealth, and Democracy	3

Portuguese

Code	Title	Credits
PORTUGS 103	First-Semester Portuguese	4
PORTUGS 104	Second-Semester Portuguese	4
PORTUGS 110	Accelerated Portuguese I	3
PORTUGS 203	Third-Semester Portuguese	3
PORTUGS 204	Fourth-Semester Portuguese	3
PORTUGS 225	Understanding Brazil:	3
PORTUGS 297	Study Abroad: (The African Presence in Brazil)	1-12
PORTUGS 299	Ad Hoc: (Accelerated Portuguese)	1-6
PORTUGS 310	Advanced Composition and Conversation	3
PORTUGS 313	Advanced Speaking and Listening	3
PORTUGS 360	Luso-Brazilian Culture:	3
PORTUGS 497	Study Abroad: (The African Presence in Brazil)	1-12

PORTUGS 499	Ad Hoc:	1-6
PORTUGS 699	Independent Reading	1-3

Spanish

Code	Title	Credits
SPANISH 203	Third-Semester Spanish	3
SPANISH 204	Fourth-Semester Spanish	3
SPANISH 308	Advanced Writing and Reading	3
SPANISH 318	Advanced Speaking and Listening	3
SPANISH 319	Advanced Speaking and Listening for Heritage Speakers	3
SPANISH 332	Business and Legal Spanish I	3
SPANISH 333	Advanced Spanish Grammar	3
SPANISH 338	Spanish for Health Professionals	3
SPANISH 341	Introduction to Hispanic Linguistics	3
SPANISH 342	Business and Legal Spanish II	3
SPANISH 348	Introduction to Translation: English to Spanish	3
SPANISH 350	Introduction to Literary Analysis	3
SPANISH 388	Health Issues in the Hispanic World	3
SPANISH 391	Social and Historical Issues in the Hispanic World: (Latin America - Past and Present)	3
SPANISH 470	Survey of Hispanic Literature and Civilization	3
SPANISH 472	Survey of Spanish-American Literature and Civilization	3
SPANISH 491	Topics in Hispanic Culture:	3
Subtitles:		
The Spanish Renaissance and its Cultures, 16th and 17th Centuries		
Exotic Stories from the Hispanic World - The Pleasure of Words		
SPANISH 507	Seminar in Spanish-American Literature:	3
SPANISH 541	History of the Spanish Language	3
SPANISH 571	Seminar in Spanish-American Colonial Literature and Civilization:	3
SPANISH 575	Seminar in 18th & 19th Century Spanish-American Literature & Civilization:	3
SPANISH 577	Seminar in Modern Spanish-American Literature and Civilization:	3

Theatre

Code	Title	Credits
THEATRE/LACUSL 324	Theatre in the Americas: Latin American, Caribbean, and Latinx Theatre	3

Urban Planning

Code	Title	Credits
URBPLAN 692	Special Topics in Urban Planning: (Latino Cities)	1-3

Contact Information

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