Latin American & Caribbean Studies
Course Offerings – Spring 2021

CORE

20906 LACS 101 01 M 3.000 Introduction to Latin American and Caribbean Studies
TR 09:25 am-10:40 am Nadia D Avendano (P) 01/11-05/02 LONG 402A

21686 LACS 101 04 O 3.000 Introduction to Latin American and Caribbean Studies
ONL Maria Luci De Biaji Moreira (P) 01/11-05/02 ONLINE

22959 LACS 495 01 M 3.000 Latin American and Caribbean Studies Capstone
TR 10:50 am-12:05 pm Nadia D Avendano (P) 01/11-05/02 LONG 402A

LACS classes (count for either category)

21536 LACS 200 01 O 3.000 ST: Environmental Health and Sustainable Development
in Latin America and the Caribbean
ONL Marianne J Verlinden (P) 01/11-05/02 ONLINE

Category A: HISTORY – POLITICS - CIVILIZATION

23167 ANTH 329 01 O 3.000 ST: Indestructible Maya
(P) 01/11-05/02 ONLINE

23087 HIST 361 01 O 3.000 ST: Mexico’s Recent Past
am Lisa Pinley Covert (P) 01/11-05/02 ONLINE Special Topics and Synchronized Online Component

22002 POLI 268 01 O 3.000 Model Organization of American States
pm-08:15 pm Douglas S Friedman (P) 01/11-05/02 ONLINE Synchronized Online Component

21106 SPAN 333 01 M 3.000 ST: Más allá del paraíso tropical: los secretos del Caribe
TR 09:25 am-10:40 am Haley L Osborn (P) 01/11-05/02 ECTR 202 Variable Topic
ANTH 329.01  ST: Indestructible Maya

Most students associate the term "Maya" with an ancient Middle American culture that had a high civilization, produced a written language, built pyramids, and attained significant accomplishments in mathematics and astronomy. Many believe these people disappeared long ago, and few realize that there are millions of Maya people speaking many different languages living in Mexico and Central America today. There are still so many Maya today because the Maya population was so large before the Spanish conquest of Guatemala and Mexico that not even 600 years of war, slavery, epidemic disease, poverty, and discrimination have been able to wipe them out! Basic to our understanding of the Maya are the religious concepts of the Maya and other Mesoamerican cultures, so we will begin with David Carrasco's Religions of Mesoamerica, which places Mayan religion within the broader Mesoamerican cosmological belief system. Many of these ancient beliefs survive today.

HIST 361.01  ST: Mexico’s Recent Past
In the United States we hear a lot about Mexico in the news and in popular culture, but most portrayals of our vast, diverse, dynamic southern neighbor are one-dimensional and lack proper historical context. This course will examine Mexico’s recent past, from the 1960s to the present, with the goal of developing a better understanding of Mexico today. Readings and discussion will draw from a wealth of new scholarship and sources corresponding to the following themes: economics and development, dissent and repression, immigration and the borderlands, and international relations.

**INTL 290.01 ST: Memory and Reconciliation in Latin America and Eastern Europe**

This course examines how human rights abuses committed during Cold War conflicts in Latin America and Eastern Europe are being remembered and dealt with since the peace agreements and the return to democracy. From a multidisciplinary perspective the course will explore the memorialization, justice seeking and reconciliation process after decades of dictatorships, civil wars and violence. This course will look at forms of collective memory, the attempts to achieve justice and building a new integrated democratic society. Students will compare the different approaches of memory and reconciliation and leave the class with a clear understanding of challenges of post conflict societies.

**LACS 200.01 ST: Environmental Health and Sustainable Development in Latin America and the Caribbean**

“Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages.” This is how the third UN Sustainable Development Goal reads. In Latin America and the Caribbean, what challenges to achieving this goal do people face? How can individuals (you included!), local communities, healthcare institutions, and international organizations support this goal?

In this course, we will explore major issues in environmental health in Latin America and the Caribbean, starting from the assumption that nutritious food, a dependable supply of clean water and clean air are critical to maintain health. Malnutrition, parasitic diseases, the spread of malaria, and dengue, the rise in asthma, cardiovascular diseases, and cancers, the reemergence of infectious diseases, and the mental toll of forced migration are only some manifestations of a disruption in these supplies by unsustainable economic activities, global inequity, and increasingly by climate change. Understanding the relationships between well-being, the economy, and the environment is crucial to designing long-term solutions. There is a lot that can be done, will you join in?