LATINO/LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES (LLS)

LLS 8145  LATINO/-A POLITICS (3 credits)
This course introduces students to the dynamism and growth of the role of Latinos, as a group of political actors, in the United States. This course provides students with an exposure to and understanding of various concepts and dimensions of this phenomenon, including historical and contemporary Latino political thought and the efforts to increase political empowerment (representation and participation) and influence through grassroots, social, and political movements. (Cross-listed with PSCI 8145, LLS 3140, PSCI 3140)

LLS 8246  SOCIAL TRANSFORMATIONS IN LATIN AMERICA (3 credits)
The course reviews the main social, economic, and political forces that have shaped Latin American societies, and the sociological theories used to understand Latin American development and underdevelopment. Race, ethnicity, gender and class in Latin America, as well as the region’s position in the global economy are examined. (Cross-listed with SOC 8246, SOC 4240, LLS 4240).
Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s): Graduate standing

LLS 8256  CRISSCROSSING THE CONTINENT: LATIN AMERICAN MIGRATIONS (3 credits)
In this course we will use an interdisciplinary lens to study the changes and continuities of migration in the Americas. The course starts with an overview of immigration to the Americas during the first era of mass migration (1850-1920) to explore the relevance of European migrations for national and identity constructions in the Southern Cone of America. Students then will be introduced to the impacts of social and political change on migration flows, both regionally and beyond the region. They will also explore migration related policies at the national and regional level. We will also study the changes and continuities in the migration system of the Americas. Lastly, we will analyze the new North-South migration, as well as immigration to Latin America from Asia (recent and historical), Europe, and Africa. (Cross-listed with SOC 8256, SOC 4250, LLS 4250).
Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s): Graduate standing

LLS 8286  INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS OF LATIN AMERICA (3 credits)
Analysis of the role of Latin American states in the international political arena. Emphasis upon developing, applying and testing an explanatory theory of international politics through the study of the inter-American system: the regional, institutional and ideological environment, power relations, policies and contemporary problems. (This course fulfills the department's international politics requirement). (Cross-listed with LLS 4280, PSCI 4280, PSCI 8286)

LLS 8656  SLAVERY AND RACE RELATIONS IN THE AMERICAS (3 credits)
Slavery and Race Relations in the Americas examines the historical relationship between the trans-Atlantic slave trade and American race relations, connecting the enslavement of Africans in the Americas to race relations in the Caribbean, Latin America, and the United States. (Cross-listed with BLST 8656, BLST 4650, HIST 8076, HIST 4070).
Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s): Graduate standing

LLS 8685  GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS OF LATIN AMERICA (3 credits)
This course introduces students to the political institutions, processes, and public policies of the states of Latin America. (Cross-listed with LLS 3680, PSCI 3680, PSCI 8685)

LLS 8786  URBAN LATIN AMERICA (3 credits)
This course examines the experience of Latin American urbanization, attending to its contributions to urban sociology, social movements, and policymaking. Topics include urban transitions (e.g. pre-Hispanic to colonial, post-colonial to industrial, and the neoliberal turn), socio-spatial configurations (e.g. plazas, squatter settlements), urban marginality debates, urban politics, and planning as well as governance innovations (e.g. bus rapid transit systems, participatory budgeting). Students will compare city case studies across the region and to urban life in the United States. (Cross-listed with SOC 4780, SOC 8786, LLS 4780).
Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s): Graduate standing

LLS 8906  INDEPENDENT STUDY (1-3 credits)
This course is designed for those students who are independently pursuing an area of Latino/Latin American Studies that is not covered under the existing curriculum. The student will be supervised by a member of the faculty of the LLS program. All course assignments, requirements, and expectations will be clearly indicated in advance. May be repeated for credit, up to six hours, under a different topic.
Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s): Permission of LLS faculty member required.

LLS 8916  CONTEMPORARY TOPICS IN LLS: SOCIAL SCIENCES (3 credits)
A discussion-led course on current and evolving issues and questions pertaining to the Latino and Latin American immigrant population in the United States and its transnational ties to Latin America and the Caribbean. Topics fall within the social sciences. The course may also include service-learning assignments when appropriate. (Cross-listed with LLS 4910.)
Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s): A graduate student in good standing and instructor permission.

LLS 8926  CONTEMPORARY TOPICS IN LLS: HUMANITIES (3 credits)
This course is an interdisciplinary topical approach that explores various aspects of Latino/Latin American Studies. Selected topics will be suitable for examination from the perspective of the humanities (literature, art, dance, music, theatre, and philosophy topics). Topics and disciplines will vary from term to term. Course description will be announced in advance. Repeatable up to nine credits if content differs. (Cross-listed with LLS 4920.)

LLS 8956  LATIN AMERICAN STUDY ABROAD (1-3 credits)
This course is designed as an international study abroad course that will introduce undergraduate and graduate students to the dynamism of socio-cultural, economic and political changes taking place across Latin America. Note: International travel and special fees required. (Cross-listed with LLS 4950)
Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s): Senior standing or Junior standing with permission of the department. LLS 1000 or LLS 1010 or equivalent and departmental permission.