Connecting Students to Latin American, Caribbean, & Latinx Studies
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- A NATIONAL RESOURCE CENTER FOR LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN LANGUAGE AND AREA STUDIES, FUNDED JOINTLY WITH UW-MADISON BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (TITLE VI).

- SUPPORTS FACULTY AND STUDENT RESEARCH, WORLD LANGUAGE INSTRUCTION, COURSE DEVELOPMENT, STUDY ABROAD, REGIONAL FACULTY NETWORKS, PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT, AND K-16 TEACHER TRAINING.

- CLACS IS INTERDISCIPLINARY, LINKING THE HUMANITIES, SOCIAL SCIENCES, NATURAL SCIENCES, AND THE PROFESSIONAL SCHOOLS.
CLACS Funding for Students

- Undergraduate Donald R. Shea Scholarship (study abroad)
- Undergraduate Foreign Language and Area Studies FLAS Fellowships (AY)
- Graduate Foreign Language and Area Studies FLAS Fellowship (summer)
- Graduate/Advanced Undergraduate Research-Travel Award
- Tinker Field Research Award (Graduate)
- Kristin Ruggiero Research Award (Graduate/Advanced Undergraduate)
Latin American, Caribbean, and U.S. Latin@ Studies (LACUSL) Major
The @ ending ("a" at the center of "o") offers a simultaneous presentation of both the feminine and masculine word endings of Latina and Latino and allows the reader or speaker to choose one, both, or a variation of the gendered forms.

“Latinx” is increasingly used to be even more inclusive, acknowledging that “@” does not fully represent transgender, gender non-binary, and genderqueer people.
LACUSL Undergraduate Major

- Bachelor of Arts Degree Program
- Unique among undergraduate programs offered nationally, LACUSL integrates the study of the region with that of Latinx within the United States. The curriculum is designed to ensure that students:
  - acquire foundational knowledge of Latinx, Latin American, and Caribbean history and cultures;
  - develop analytical and critical thinking skills;
  - learn the comparative approach to studies of cultures; and
  - gain insight into Latinx, Latin American, and Caribbean cultures from a variety of perspectives.
- LACUSL serves both students interested in developing a deeper understanding of Latin American diverse heritages and students who will be providing services for the expanding Latinx population, especially in health services, public instruction, agriculture, trade and consumer protection, and commerce.
LACUSL Requirements

- 33 cr, at least 15 at or above 300-level
- Minimum 2.5 GPA in all UWM course work and in all major credits
- 15 cr Core Courses
  - 6 cr Intro Courses: LACS 101 and Latino 101
  - 6 cr Integrative Courses: unique LACUSL courses that explore relationships and connections between the region and diaspora
  - 3 cr Senior Research Project
- 18 cr Elective Courses spanning at least three departments
The Integrated (5-yr) program allows high-achieving students with advanced proficiency in Spanish and/or French to earn a BA in LACUSL and an MA in MALLT, with a concentration in Spanish to English, or English to Spanish, or French to English Translation, in only five years.

The program is open to students who have:

• Declared a Major in LACUSL

• A cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.25 or better, and a GPA in their major of 3.5 or better.

• Completed at least 60 of their undergraduate credit hours and at least 15 of their LACUSL credit hours at UWM.

• Completed the major requirements (24 credits) for an undergraduate major in LACUSL.
Latin American and Caribbean Studies (LACS) Certificate
LACS Certificate

- The LACS Certificate offers a specific academic focus on Latin American and Caribbean experiences, including language, history, politics, and culture.
- Interdisciplinary
- Students design their plan of study based on personal interests.
- The LACS Certificate is open to all students seeking a bachelor’s degree from UWM, those who have previously received a bachelor’s degree, and non-degree pursuing students.
LACS Requirements

- 3 cr Introduction to Latin American and Caribbean Studies course – LACS 101
- 18 additional cr in LACS content courses, 12 at or above 300-level
- Up to 12 cr in any one curricular area may be applied, 3cr independent study option
- Language proficiency in a language (other than English) widely spoken in the region
- Minimum 2.75 GPA in all UWM course work and in all LACS Certificate credits
- At least 12 of 21 cr must be completed at UWM
- In addition to any Latin American and/or Caribbean content courses taken in semester-length UWM approved study abroad programs, an additional 3 cr for participating may also be counted if courses taken within an immersion setting
Fall 2016 LACUSL Courses

FALL 2016 - LACUSL 201 - COURSE # 34226
CHICAN@/LATIN@ ART AND CULTURE: POLITICS AND RESISTANCE
W/3:30-8:10PM
Instructor: Jeanette Martin

This course is aimed to show a comprehensive overview of the major influences, themes and styles in Chicano/Latino art from its emergence in the 1960s to the beginning of the 21st century. The course introduces Chicano/Latino content in painting, murals, prints, sculptures, music, installation, performance and video.

Fall 2016 Online Course - LACUSL 300
CLASS # 34776
ROCKIN’ LAS AMÉRICAS: IDENTITY & CULTURAL POLITICS IN THE MAKING
This course will explore rock music in Latin America as a vehicle to voice social concerns. Some of the most politically vocal bands that will be studied range from Guatemala’s Los Thieves to Argentina’s Bersuit Vergarabat. We will also study their musical influences and native instruments, uncommon to rock in the U.S. and compare their styles and message.

INSTRUCTOR: NELSON LÓPEZ

This course counts towards the Latin American, Caribbean, and U.S. Latino Studies (LACUSL) major, Latin American and Caribbean Studies (LACES) Certificates, Latino Studies, Ethnic Studies and Global Studies.
Please tell your students about the LACUSL Major, the LACS Certificate, and CLACS as a resource on campus!

THANK YOU!