

# **Center for Latin American Studies**

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**LATIN AMERICAN COURSE LIST  
SUMMER (2177)**

## Center for Latin American Studies (CLAS)

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Students are encouraged to enroll in courses on Latin America/the Caribbean or to participate in the programs of Latin American Studies—Related Concentration, Undergraduate or Graduate Certificate. Many of the undergraduate courses on this list may be used to satisfy the School of Arts and Sciences foreign culture, non-Western culture requirement or other general education requirements. Need advice concerning registration or want information about the certificates or related concentration? Please contact Luis Van Fossen Bravo (email [bravo@pitt.edu](mailto:bravo@pitt.edu) or phone 412-648-7396).

Students also are welcome to attend CLAS events—lectures, films, workshops, concerts, conferences and the annual Latin American and Caribbean Festival. See the monthly schedule of activities on the CLAS website: <http://www.ucis.pitt.edu/clas>

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## Important Information for Students and Advisors

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**Program Registration:** To be officially enrolled in the CLAS certificate program, students must complete an application for admission to CLAS. Admissions are done on a rolling basis. The only pre-requisite is interest in Latin American related topics. There are no deadlines, nor is there an application fee. However, the sooner a student enrolls, the sooner they may be eligible for awards, grants, and fellowships from CLAS.

**Acceptable Certificate Courses:** Courses in this list with titles typed in **ALL CAPS** are accepted to fulfill Latin American Studies area course requirements. Courses with titles typed in **upper and lower case** are international courses in which at least 25% of the content is Latin American. To have international courses count towards the certificate, focus your work on Latin America. (If the professor requires a paper or papers, bibliography, readings, etc., you must do all the work on a Latin American topic. You will be asked to present your work for the course to the CLAS academic advisor.)

**Other Courses:** Students may, with the permission of the CLAS advisor, register for a course with international content, a directed study, independent study or readings course taught by a CLAS faculty member. These courses will count towards the certificate/related concentration only if the student focuses specifically on a Latin American topic for the course.

### University of Pittsburgh Course Numbers

Courses numbered from:

- 0001 to 0999 are lower level undergraduate courses; they are *not* acceptable for graduate credit.
- 1000 to 1999 are upper level undergraduate courses; they are acceptable for both undergraduate and graduate certificates.
- 2000 to 2999 are master's level courses and those in the 3000s are doctoral level courses.

All Latin American courses for the certificate or related concentration will be counted as “inside” or “outside” the student’s major. The primary academic department of the faculty member teaching the course determines how the course will be counted. Examples: A course taught by Prof. Barry Ames that is cross-listed in Political Science and GSPIA will be counted as a course in Political Science (the primary academic department of Prof. Ames) no matter if the student registers for the course under GSPIA or PS. A course taught by Prof.

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John Beverley that is cross-listed in Spanish, English Literature, and Cultural Studies will be counted as a course in Hispanic Languages and Literatures (the primary academic department of Prof. Beverley).

**Faculty:** Please contact Luis Van Fossen Bravo (email [bravo@pitt.edu](mailto:bravo@pitt.edu) or phone 412-648-7396 if your course contains 25% Latin American content and is missing from this list or if the information given about your course is incorrect. Revisions to this list are made as soon as corrections are received.

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**Schedule of Latin American Area Studies Courses  
SUMMER (May 8 to August 5) 2017**

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### **School and Faculty of Arts and Sciences**

Study abroad programs are offered in many countries of the Caribbean, Mesoamerica, Central and South America. Students should contact the Study Abroad Office, 802 William Pitt Union, to arrange study programs of 3 to 18 credits. See the CLAS Academic Advisor to verify how credits will count towards completion of the certificate or related concentration in Latin American Studies. **Six Weeks, Twelve Weeks, Full Term – Study in Latin America for part or all of the summer.**

**12 week -- May 8 to August 5**

### **PIA--PUBLIC & INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, GRADUATE SCHOOL OF** *Graduate Course Offerings*

#### **2355 World War II, Cold War and Its Impact on Developing Nations**

12123

Mo  
05:45 PM-8:55 PM  
3431 Posvar Hall

No  
recitation

Rizzi,  
Michael

This is a policy-relevant history course that examines the international relations of the 20th century, as well as the lasting legacy of the cold war today. After discussing the causes, conduct, and consequences of World War II, students study the rise of the Soviet Union and iron curtain, postwar trusteeships, and the process of decolonization by which large swaths of Africa and Asia obtained their independence. Class lectures cover just war theory, the geopolitics of war, the rise of NATO, and the major cold war conflicts in Cuba, Afghanistan, Iran, and Vietnam. Using historical case studies, students learn important practical skills useful for a career in diplomacy, international negotiation, or statecraft, as seen through the eyes of master practitioners.

**NOTE:** Students must focus their papers on Latin America to have this course count towards the certificate in Latin American Studies.

Prerequisite(s): none

Undergraduate and graduate students are welcome.

Students are encouraged to go to GSPIA, 3601 WWPB to check updates for GSPIA courses.

**6 week 1 --May 16 to June 25**

**AFRCNA -- AFRICANA STUDIES**

*Undergraduate Course Offerings*

**1306 World Literature In English**

20449	Mo Tu We Th 2:00 PM-04:30 PM 202 CL	No recitation.	Enroll Limit 20	Brooks, Robin
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Through readings of a relatively wide range of English-language texts from across the world, including Africa, the Americas, Asia, and Europe, this course will elaborate and explore themes that impact all of humanity such as language, class, gender, religion, and community. The time period is from roughly the mid-twentieth century to the present.

Prerequisite(s): none

Check with the department on how often this course is offered.

**1309 Woman Of African & African Diaspora**

20450	Mo We Th 11:00 AM-02:15 PM 4165 WWPB	No recitation.	Enroll Limit 25	Covington- Ward, Yolanda
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This course explores histories, cultures, and socio-political issues of relevance to women of African descent across the geographical spectrum of the Pan-African world: Africa, the Caribbean and Latin America, and North America. The course begins by exploring gender and sex, and then delves into ideas of feminism, black feminism, and womanism as relevant ideologies for women of African descent. Finally, the course uses articles and three major texts---a novel (Zimbabwe) and two ethnographies (United States and Brazil), to examine issues of colonialism, identity politics, colorism, cultural representation, sex work, and women in hip hop.

Prerequisite(s): none

Check with the department on how often this course is offered.

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**ARTSC – SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES**

**1502 SEMINAR ON LATIN AMERICA: Yucatán, México**  
10709

Leonardo Solano

Note: Participants will conduct fieldwork on topics developed during the spring term seminar. Registration is limited to students previously selected to participate in the program.

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**PS – POLITICAL SCIENCE**

*Undergraduate Course Offerings*

**500 World Politics**

19017	Mo We 04:00 PM-07:15 PM 02319 CL	No recitation.	Enroll Limit 35	Lee, Dong Ju
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This course aims to increase students' knowledge of the history of the modern state system and, in particular, political developments during the past few decades. It introduces students to basic concepts and analytic frameworks that political scientists employ to understand world politics, enhancing students' knowledge of international institutions that play important roles in world politics and exploring current issues in world affairs relating to human welfare and security. Depending on the interests, area of expertise, and inclinations of the particular instructor, some of these may be emphasized more heavily than others.

Prerequisite(s): none

This course is offered every term.

**1583 Topics in International Relations: Immigration in the 21st Century**

19826	Mo We Fr 10:00AM-12:15 PM 206 CL	No recitation.	Enroll Limit 35	Neureiter, Michael
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Around the world, there are an estimated 250 million migrants, making up about 3% of the global population. The rising rates of international migration have been accompanied by growing public and media interest, and have led to intense public and political debates in which emotions and ideology too often trump a careful reading of data. With no sign that international migration is slowing down, the causes and consequences of immigration will remain a critical topic for the 21st century. This course addresses some of the central questions in current debates about immigration, including: Why do people move across international borders, and where do they go? What are the consequences of migration for the sending and the receiving countries? And how do local communities, national governments, and international institutions respond to migration (including “illegal” migration)? This course aims to provide students with the theoretical and empirical knowledge needed to grapple with these questions intelligently.

Prerequisite(s): none

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## **SOC-SOCIOLOGY**

### *Undergraduate Course Offerings*

<b>0317</b>	<b>Globalization</b>				
16111	Mo We 1:00 PM-04:15 PM 2200 WWPB	No recitation.	Enroll Limit 49	Schroering, Caitlin Hays	

The aim is to analyze the dynamics of civilization in today's interconnected world. How is people's social and cultural life shaped by their position in the world, by local traditions and distant forces? How have the independently coexisting civilizations of earlier centuries become incorporated into a global civilization in which colonial empires and the communist regime have given way to wider democracy and a capitalist regime with global dynamics? How is Western culture (beliefs, values and symbols) disseminated and embraced, modified or resisted in non-Western societies?

Prerequisite(s): none

This course is offered at least once a year.

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**6 week 2 -- June 27 To August 6**

## **HIST – HISTORY**

### *Undergraduate Course Offerings*

<b>0700</b>	<b>World History</b>				
19867	Tu Th 02:00 PM-05:15 PM 206 CL	No recitation.	Enroll Limit 35	Sherry, Bennett G	

This course is an introductory survey of world history, by which is meant an overview of major processes and interactions in the development of human society since the development of agriculture some 10,000 years ago. It is a selective overview, emphasizing large-scale patterns and connections in political, social, cultural, technological, and environmental history, yet it also provides balance among regions of the world. It encourages students to apply historical techniques to issues of their own interest.

Prerequisite(s): none

This course is offered at least once a year.

## LANGUAGE COURSES

Note: *The courses listed below are not area studies courses*—please see previous pages for Latin American AREA courses. You may use the courses listed on this page to meet the language proficiency requirement of the certificate.

**6 week 1 – May 16 To June 25**

### SPAN – SPANISH

*Undergraduate Course Offerings*

<b>0015</b>	<b>Intensive Elementary Spanish</b>			<b>5 cr.</b>
19053	Mo Tu We Th	No	Enroll	Staff
	10:00 AM-12:45 PM	recitation.	Limit	
	221 CL		18	

This is a condensed version of the first two courses of the Spanish language program, and it has been designed for students who have taken at least two years of high school Spanish or its equivalent. Spanish 0015 follows a communicative approach: from the first day of class you will interact in Spanish in a meaningful context with your instructor and classmates. By the end of this course you will have a general knowledge of the grammar of the Spanish language and you will be able to communicate effectively in Spanish according to this level. This course satisfies the foreign language requirement. Prerequisite(s): none Check with the department on how often this course is offered.

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**SPAN – SPANISH**

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<b>0001</b>	<b>Elementary Spanish 1</b>			<b>5 cr.</b>
17126	Mo Tu We Th	No	Enroll	Staff
	10:00 AM-12:45 PM	recitation.	Limit	
	G18 CL		16	

This course is designed to develop communicative proficiency through an integrated approach to the teaching of all four language skills: listening, speaking, reading and writing. Grammatical structures, vocabulary, and readings are presented as tools for developing good communication skills. The course also aims to foster cultural awareness of the Spanish-speaking world.

Prerequisite(s): none Check with the department on how often this course is offered  
This course is offered at least once a year.