

Region-Specific Courses Overview

The purpose of these informational documents is to help GRS students choose courses that would be of interest for their resource specialization. This is an overview of current courses, although they may change in the future. The most updated information can be found on the UBC course website:

<https://courses.students.ubc.ca>

** Undergraduate students are sometimes able to take graduate level courses with special permission. Please ask.

Latin America

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<u>Course Number</u>	<u>Course Name</u>	<u>Description</u>
FREN 418K	Studies in African and/or Caribbean Literatures of French Expression	An advanced course in francophone literature. Topics include francophone literary movements, postcolonial studies, and critical readings of literary works from Africa and the Caribbean.
GEOG 352	Urbanization in the Global South	Urbanization in the developing countries of Latin America, Africa, and Asia; the role of cities in the development process and the features and problems of rapid urbanization.
GEOG 395	Culture, Nature, and Coloniality in Latin America	Socio-ecologies in 1491; Spanish colonialism and biological imperialism; contemporary coloniality and neoliberalism; and social movements.
GEOG 495	Geographies of Social Movements in the Americas	The politics of North-South solidarity in theory and practice through community service learning models.
HIST 250A	Latin American History	Exploring themes of colonialism, indigenous life, national imaginaries, dictatorships and transitions to democracy through different forms of telling Latin American history. Includes epistolary writing, maps, eyewitness accounts, chronicles, actions, novels, films, built environment and city plans, testimonios, and plays.
HIST 357	History of Mexico	Examines themes in the last five hundred years of Mexican history, with an emphasis on the critical reading of primary sources and the use of a variety of texts that may include letters, diaries, paintings, photographs, novels, and movies.
LAST 100	Introduction to Latin American Studies	An overview of the culture and society of Latin America from ancient to contemporary times and from Argentina to Mexico.
LAST 201	Popular Culture in Latin America	The culture of everyday life, both rural and urban: issues of identity, popular memory, resistance, negotiation, as expressed through ritual, crafts, the body, social movements, films, music, and literature.

LAST 303	Indigenous Peoples of Latin America	Ethnohistory and contemporary cultures of the indigenous peoples of Mexico, Middle America, and South America. Different cultural areas or regions may be selected to illustrate the course's principal themes.
POLI 332	Politics and Government of Latin America	A comparative examination of democracy and authoritarianism in Latin America: populism, corporatism, bureaucratic authoritarianism, transitions from authoritarianism, and contemporary debates on the quality and diversity of democratic institutions.
PORT 392	Studies in Portuguese and Brazilian Literature (in English)	Selected topics. Please see the Department website for current course offering information.
PORT 405	Studies in Portuguese and Brazilian Culture (In English)	Selected topics. Please see the Department website for current course offering information.
SPAN 322	Dependency and Revolution in Latin American History and Culture	Continuities and changes in the Americas from before Columbus to the present. Includes the first modern global empire and its ambivalent legacies.
SPAN 364	Colonial Encounters in Spanish-American Literature and Culture	Spanish colonialism in the Americas from the Conquest to the 1820's and the dawn of Independence. Includes coloniality, hybridity, subalternity, and autonomy.
SPAN 365	Modern Magics: Spanish-American Literature and Culture since the 1820s	Literary engagements with modernity in the Spanish Americas, from the 1820's to the present. Includes civilization, progress, politicization, and violence.
SPAN 490C	Peoples and Nations: Topics in Twentieth- and Twenty-First Century Spanish-American Culture -	N/A
SPAN 505	Studies in Peninsular and Latin-American Culture	N/A

Other graduate courses might be available if student meets eligibility

https://www.grad.ubc.ca/sites/default/files/forms/enrolment_undergraduate.pdf

Previously available courses (may be available again in the future):

HIST 451 Family and Community in Latin America

HIST 455 Gender and Sexuality in Latin America

LAST 301	Human and Civil Rights in Latin America
HIST 252	Modern Caribbean History
ARTH 370	Arts of Mexico's Early Peoples
ANTH 232	Ancient Latin America
SPAN 312A	Topics in Latin American Literature in Translation