

LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN STUDIES HONOURS (B.A.) (60 CREDITS)

Offered by: Languages, Literatures, Cultures (Faculty of Arts)

Degree: Bachelor of Arts

Program credit weight: 60

Program Description

The Honours Latin American and Caribbean Studies is designed to meet the needs of students who plan to attend graduate or professional school upon completion of the B.A. This program provides a comprehensive interdisciplinary understanding of Latin America and the Caribbean, upon which more specialized coursework and research may be based. This program is recommended for students who envision graduate study in a specific discipline, such as History or Political Science.

While the Faculty of Arts regulations require a minimum CGPA of 3.0 for Honours programs, in addition, students pursuing the Honours Latin American and Caribbean Studies must normally maintain a B+ (3.30) average in all program courses. Students must also meet all additional Faculty of Arts requirements for graduation with Honours.

Degree Requirements — B.A. students

[To be eligible for a B.A. degree, a student must fulfil all Faculty and program requirements as indicated in Degree Requirements for the Faculty of Arts.](#)

We recommend that students consult an Arts OASIS advisor for degree planning.

Note: For information about Fall 2025 and Winter 2026 course offerings, please check back on May 8, 2025. Until then, the "Terms offered" field will appear blank for most courses while the class schedule is being finalized.

Required Courses (21 credits)

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Course	Title	Credits
HISP 243	Survey of Latin American Literature and Culture 1.	3
HISP 244	Survey of Latin American Literature and Culture 2.	3
HIST 210	Introduction to Latin American History.	3
LACS 497	Research Seminar: Latin America and the Caribbean.	3
LACS 498	Honours Thesis.	3
POLI 319	Politics of Latin America.	3

¹ Note: Successful completion of intermediate-level Spanish (HISP 220D1 Spanish Language: Intermediate./HISP 220D2 Spanish Language: Intermediate. or HISP 219 Spanish Language Intensive - Intermediate. or equivalent) is a prerequisite for the required courses

HISP 243 Survey of Latin American Literature and Culture 1. and HISP 244 Survey of Latin American Literature and Culture 2..

Complementary Courses (42 credits)

39 credits selected from the Complementary Course List in consultation with the Program Adviser with the following requirements.

- 12 credits must be taken in Spanish or Portuguese.
- 27 additional credits on Latin America and the Caribbean (exclusive of language courses).
- A minimum of 15 of these 27 credits must be taken in one of the following disciplinary clusters, which may also include up to 6 credits of theoretical and/or methodological courses of particular relevance to the student's research interests:
 - Cluster 1 - Literature and Culture;
 - Cluster 2 - Economics, History, and Political Science;
 - Cluster 3 - Anthropology and Geography.

Complementary Course List

Hispanic Studies - Languages

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Course	Title	Credits
HISP 210D1	Spanish Language: Beginners.	3
HISP 210D2	Spanish Language: Beginners.	3
HISP 218	Spanish Language Intensive - Elementary.	6
HISP 219	Spanish Language Intensive - Intermediate.	6
HISP 220D1	Spanish Language: Intermediate.	3
HISP 220D2	Spanish Language: Intermediate.	3

Latin American and Caribbean Studies

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Course	Title	Credits
LACS 499	Internship: Latin America and Caribbean Studies.	3

Cluster 1: Literature and Culture - Hispanic Studies

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Course	Title	Credits
HISP 225	Hispanic Civilization 1.	3
HISP 226	Hispanic Civilization 2.	3
HISP 328	Literature of Ideas: Latin America.	3
HISP 332	Latin American Literature of 19th Century.	3
HISP 333	Theatre, Performance and Politics in Latin America.	3
HISP 335	Politics and Poetry in Latin America.	3
HISP 340	Latin American Cinema.	3
HISP 352	Latin American Novel.	3
HISP 356	Latin American Short Story.	3
HISP 357	Latin American Digital Literature and Culture.	3
HISP 358	Gender and Textualities.	3
HISP 432	Literature - Discovery and Exploration Spain New World.	3

HISP 437	Colonial / Postcolonial Latin America.	3
HISP 455	Major Figures: Latin American Literature and Culture.	3
HISP 505	Seminar in Hispanic Studies 01.	3

Cluster 2: Economics, History, and Political Science

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Course	Title	Credits
ECON 313	Economic Development 1.	3
ECON 314	Economic Development 2.	3
HIST 223	Indigenous Peoples and Empires.	3
HIST 309		3
HIST 360	Latin America since 1825.	3
HIST 366	Themes in Latin American History.	3
HIST 409	Topics in Latin American History.	3
HIST 419	Central America.	3
HIST 564D1	Seminar: Latin American History.	3
HIST 564D2	Seminar: Latin American History.	3
HIST 580D1	European and Native-American Encounters.	3
HIST 580D2	European and Native-American Encounters.	3
POLI 227	Introduction to Comparative Politics - Global South.	3

Cluster 3: Anthropology and Geography

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Course	Title	Credits
ANTH 212	Anthropology of Development.	3
ANTH 307	Andean Prehistory.	3
ANTH 319	Inka Archaeology and Ethnohistory.	3
ANTH 326	Anthropology of Latin America.	3
ANTH 422	Contemporary Latin American Culture and Society.	3
GEOG 310	Development and Livelihoods.	3
GEOG 404	Environmental Management 2. ¹	3
GEOG 408	Geography of Development.	3
GEOG 410	Geography of Underdevelopment: Current Problems.	3
GEOG 498	Humans in Tropical Environments.	3
GEOG 510	Humid Tropical Environments.	3

¹ Note: GEOG 404 Environmental Management 2. may only count toward the requirements for this program when the topic is related to Panama.