# Latin American/Border Studies Courses

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<td>LABS 5301</td>
<td>Issues in Border Studies</td>
<td>Issues in Border Studies (3-0) An analysis of selected aspects of the culture, society, politics, government, environment, and economy of the U.S.-Mexico border region. An interdisciplinary academic experience will be conducted through reading and an exploration of data sets available on the region. Students will become familiarized with interaction patterns between Northern Mexico and the U.S. Southwest.</td>
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<td>LABS 5302</td>
<td>Contemporary Latin America</td>
<td>Contemporary Latin America (3-0). The course will acquaint students with key dynamics and problems in contemporary Latin America. It examines the historic roots and possible outcomes of these trends, including social structures and institutions, such as government, religion, family, education, stratification, urban and rural development, economics, and migration.</td>
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<td>Spl Topics: Social/Cult Issues</td>
<td>Special Topics in Social and Cultural Issues (3-0). This course presents an examination of a relevant subject regarding Latin America or the U.S.-Mexico Border from the social and or behavioral sciences perspective. Topics will vary and will be drawn from linguistics, sociology, anthropology, psychology, and communications. Prerequisite: LABS 5301 and LABS 5302 each with a grade of B or higher and department approval.</td>
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LABS 5307. Internship in LABS.
Internship in Latin American and Border Studies: Internship with a public, private, or non-profit sector organization, selected in consultation with the LABS program advisor. Hours and work tasks will be set by agreement between the organization, student, and advisor. Background reading and written work analyzing the internship will be required. The internship will be under close supervision by the agency and the LABS program advisor. Prerequisite: Department approval.

**Department:** Latin American/Border Studies

**3 Credit Hours**

**3 Total Contact Hours**
- 0 Lab Hours
- 0 Lecture Hours
- 3 Other Hours

**LABS 5308. Independent Study in LABS.**
Independent Study in Latin American and Border Studies: Independent study, research and writing on a topic agreed upon by student and professor. Prerequisite: Department approval.

**Department:** Latin American/Border Studies

**3 Credit Hours**

**3 Total Contact Hours**
- 0 Lab Hours
- 0 Lecture Hours
- 3 Other Hours

**LABS 5389. LABS Special Topics.**
Examination of a particular topic or theme regarding the border or Latin America from a disciplinary or inter-disciplinary perspective. Topics will vary according to instructor and semester. May be repeated for credit when the topic varies. It will be taught with the consent of the professor and with the approval of the program's advisor. Prerequisites: LABS 5301 and 5302, each with a grade of B or higher, and departmental approval. Restricted to graduate students.

**Department:** Latin American/Border Studies

**3 Credit Hours**

**3 Total Contact Hours**
- 0 Lab Hours
- 3 Lecture Hours
- 0 Other Hours

**LABS 5390. Research in LA/Border Studies.**
Research in Latin American and Border Issues (3-0) A seminar designed to teach research methodology, emphasizing the integration of techniques of different disciplines, based on the study of a specific theme germane to the study of Latin America and/or the U.S.-Mexico border region. Research and writing of a substantial paper on a special topic is required.

**Department:** Latin American/Border Studies

**3 Credit Hours**

**3 Total Contact Hours**
- 0 Lab Hours
- 3 Lecture Hours
- 0 Other Hours

**LABS 5398. Thesis.**
Thesis (0-0-3) Initial work on the thesis. Restricted to major: LAB.

**Department:** Latin American/Border Studies

**3 Credit Hours**

**3 Total Contact Hours**
- 0 Lab Hours
- 0 Lecture Hours
- 3 Other Hours

**LABS 5399. Thesis.**
Thesis (0-0-3) Continuous enrollment required while work on the Thesis continues. Restricted to major: LAB. Prerequisite: LABS 5398 with a grade of "C" or better.

**Department:** Latin American/Border Studies

**3 Credit Hours**

**3 Total Contact Hours**
- 0 Lab Hours
- 0 Lecture Hours
- 3 Other Hours

**Prerequisite(s):** (LABS 5398 w/P or better)