**LACIS Courses:**

**LACIS 260: Latin America: An Introduction** (Cross-listed with several other departments)
3-4 Credits/Elementary Level

Latin American culture and society from an interdisciplinary perspective; historical developments from pre-Columbian times to the present; political movements; economic problems; social change; ecology in tropical Latin America; legal systems; literature and the arts; cultural contrasts involving the US and Latin America; land reform; labor movements; capitalism, socialism, imperialism; mass media.

**LACIS 361/ANTHRO 361: Elementary Quechua**
4 Credits/Elementary Level

Phonology and morphology; concentration on the acquisition of conversational skills; reading of texts of graded difficulty; three hours classroom and one hour lab.

**LACIS 362/ANTHRO 362: Elementary Quechua**
4 Credits/Elementary Level

Prerequisite: Completion of LACIS/ANTHRO 361

Continuation of LACIS 361.

**LACIS 363/ANTHRO 363: Intermediate Quechua**
4 Credits/Intermediate Level

Prerequisite: LACIS/ANTHRO 362 or Instructors Consent

Advanced morphology and syntax; advanced conversation and composition; cultural background of Quechua speaking peoples through reading of myths, legends and folktales.

**LACIS 364/ANTHRO 364: Advanced Quechua**
4 Credits/Intermediate Level

Prerequisite: LACIS/ANTHRO 363 or Instructors Consent.

Continuation of advanced conversation and composition; cultural background of Quechua-speaking peoples through reading of myths, legends, folktales; problems in dialectology.

**LACIS 366/ANTHRO 366: Intensive Introductory Quechua**
6 Credits/Elementary Level

Prerequisites: Jr, Sr, or Grad st, or cons inst; stdts may not receive credit for both 366 & 361

Intensive initial course in Quechua language, emphasizing grammar and conversation. Summer session intensive format covers elementary level and includes early stages of intermediate learning.

**LACIS 376/ANTHRO 376: First Semester Yucatec Maya**
4 Credits/Elementary Level

Prerequisite: Open to Fr
Introduction to Yucatec Maya language. Focus on acquiring vocabulary and grammar for basic conversational proficiency. Taught through in-class oral and aural exercises, language tapes, and primary texts. Students also learn about Maya culture, history, folklore, and language politics.

**LACIS 377/ANTHRO 377: Second Semester Yucatec Maya**  
4 Credits/Intermediate Level  
Prerequisite: LACIS/ANTHRO 376

Continued introduction to Yucatec Maya language. Focus on acquiring vocabulary and grammar for basic conversational proficiency. Taught through in-class oral and aural exercises, language tapes, and primary texts. Students also learn about Maya culture, history, folklore, and language politics.

**LACIS 440: Topics in Latin American, Caribbean & Iberian Studies**  
1-4 Credits/Intermediate Level  
Prerequisite: Jr st or cons inst

An examination of specific topics related to the Latin American, Caribbean, and Iberian region. Topics vary each semester, but may include specific themes in history, literature, media, political science, sociology, culture, politics, social work, and agriculture.

**LACIS 440: US & Latin America from Colonial Era to Present**  
3 Credits/Intermediate  
Prerequisite: Jr st or cons inst

An examination of specific topics related to the Latin American, Caribbean, and Iberian region. Topics vary each semester, but may include specific themes in history, literature, media, political science, sociology, culture, politics, social work, and agriculture.

**LACIS 440: Topics in Latin American, Caribbean & Iberian Studies <Study Abroad Course>**  
*El Salvador, Land & People*  
6 Credits/Intermediate Level  
Prerequisite: Jr st or cons inst

The course is a two-semester undergraduate seminar organized jointly by UW-Madison and Edgewood College. It is designed to provide students with a deep and direct understanding of the history and current reality of a poor Central American country and its relationship to the United States, combining extensive classroom preparation with intensive in-country experience.

A key component of the course is a **12-day study abroad program to El Salvador over winter break**, during which students will be afforded the opportunity to meet first-hand with representatives of a wide array of Salvadoran social movement organizations. The seminar benefits enormously from the quarter century of profound ties between Madison and El Salvador made possible by the US-El Salvador Sister City Network and the Association for the Development of El Salvador (CRIPDES).

For UW students, the course counts toward the LACIS and International Studies majors, as well as general liberal arts and science credit. **Students earn 6 credits for the course**, but they must complete the entire course (i.e., both fall and spring semesters and the study abroad). The modest cost of the study abroad program is off-set by the fact that students are not required to pay tuition for the 2 credits earned on the trip.  
*NOTE: This course is taken over two semesters along with a winter inter-session trip to El Salvador. Students must apply for the trip through the International Academic Programs office, as well as enroll in both semesters of the course. Each of these three components counts for 2 credits*

**LACIS 440: Topics in Latin American, Caribbean & Iberian Studies <Study Abroad Course>**  
*Costa Rica, San Carlos: Organic Agriculture and Sustainable Farming*  
1 Credit/Intermediate Level  
Prerequisite: 2.5 Overall GPA, Soph st
Participants have the opportunity to spend spring break exploring Costa Rican organic and sustainable farms involved in coffee, pineapple, cassava, papaya and vegetable production. The 9-day spring break study abroad program, led by Professor Jim Nienhuis from the Department of Horticulture, will provide students with hands-on field experience with production and marketing of organic and sustainable vegetables and commodity crops. This program requires that students enroll in LACIS 440 for the spring semester.

In Costa Rica, students will study in and around the Instituto Tecnologico de Costa Rica (ITCR) in the humid region of San Carlos and will have the opportunity to visit with growers at various farms in the surrounding area. Students will then visit the dry region of Guanacaste and have the opportunity to compare and contrast the organic and sustainable agriculture of both regions.

*NOTE: This course requires students to enroll in a spring semester (1) credit course in addition to the study abroad component over spring break which earns students a second credit. Students must apply for the trip portion through the International Academic Programs office, as well as enroll in the semester-long course.*

**LACIS 681: Senior Honors Thesis**
3 Credits/Advanced
Honors Only
Individual study and research for majors writing theses for honors degree.

**LACIS 682: Senior Honors Thesis**
3 Credits/Advanced
Honors Only
Prerequisite: LACIS 681
Individual study and research for majors writing theses for honors degree.

**LACIS 698/699: Directed Study**
1-6 Credits/Advanced
Prerequisite: Jr or Sr st & cons inst
An independent studies course to allow students at an advanced level to pursue individual projects.

**LACIS 982: Interdepartmental Seminar in the Latin American Area**
3 Credits
Prerequisite: Grad st or cons inst