

Please note that **THIS IS NOT A COURSE OUTLINE** and it is meant to give students an idea of what LATAM 2AO3 will entail. **A Course Outline will be released in July 2022.**

LATAM 2AO3 – Introduction to Latin American and Latinx Studies

Instructors: To be announced.

Course Description: This course serves as a broad introduction to the interdisciplinary fields of Latin American Studies and Latinx Studies. We investigate the questions “What is Latin America?” and “What is Latinx Studies?” through several lenses, including the languages, literatures, cultures, societies, geographies, archaeologies, environmental issues, health care, innovations, histories, identities, migrations, and diasporas of Latin America and its peoples. We use these interdisciplinary approaches to examine the intersections between race, ethnicity, identity, and migration. The course will also expose students to active/ongoing Latin American Studies research conducted by McMaster scholars and Latin American/Latinx scholars from the Latin American Network at McMaster University (LANMU).

Topics covered in LATAM 2AO3

1. What is Latin American Studies? What is Latinx Studies?
2. Race, identity, ethnicity, and migration in Latin America, the U.S., and Canada centred on answering the question “What is Latinx?”
3. Current issues in Latin America, including current politics, social justice movements, environmental issues and climate change in the region, as well as migration within/out of/to Latin America, and Latin America/Latinx pop culture.
4. Latin American/Latinx literature with an emphasis on Black Latin American/Afro-Latinx authors.
5. Latin America in Canada: recent migration, current socio-political issues, and storytelling.

Assessment in LATAM 2AO3:

Please note that this is subject to change but will be finalized in the course outline

<u>Assessment</u>	<u>Description/Information</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Reflections	One at beginning of course, one at the mid-term point, and one at the end of course.	25%
Weekly Discussions Posts	Will take place on Avenue to Learn (A2L).	15%
Engagement & Participation	Assessed throughout the term.	10%
Short Quizzes	Will take place on A2L.	20%
Course Project	A term-long project which can take the shape each student likes; can be a traditional paper, a short video, a podcast, a written creative text, or several social media posts (i.e., TikTok or Instagram).	30%

PLEASE NOTE: LATAM 2AO3 is one of the foundation courses of the [Interdisciplinary Minor in Latin American and Latinx Studies](#).