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  2. LAS 6220 | Issues and Perspectives in Latin American Studies
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- 3 credit hours of an internship or a capstone project (LAS 6949), or of thesis research (LAS 6971)
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Brazilian Studies
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Education in the Americas
Indigenous Studies
International Communications
Latin American Business Environment
Latin American Politics
Latinx Studies, Migration & Transnational Studies
Race, Diaspora, Gender and Sexuality
Tropical Conservation and Development

LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

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