

KU Language Across the Curriculum
Fall 2009 KULAC Courses in Spanish

Politics & Sports of Latin America

LAA 302/602, Th 5:30-8:20p.m.

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This is an interdisciplinary course taught entirely in Spanish that will encompass a wide range of issues related to the intersection between sports and politics in Latin America . The course will focus on the sports that permeate Latin American societies while placing specific attention to political, social, historical and cultural issues within specific sub-regions and nation-states. Each class session will include discussions on the methodologies of creating sports-related academic research. This emphasis will be of particular benefit to graduate students and undergraduates considering attending graduate school. All of the assigned readings for this course are taken from academic publications. The small class size and upper division level of this course enables us to conduct this class as a *seminar*. Each student will be responsible for presenting the assigned readings on a rotating basis (see Requirements/Assignments). Since this is a KULAC (KU Language Across the Curriculum) course, each class session will involve a round-table discussion *en Español* about the assigned readings. In addition, we will use videos and invite guest speakers to further our understanding of Sports and Politics in Latin America. Prerequisites: Intermediate-Advanced Level of Spanish and LAA 100 (Latin American Studies); or Political Science 150 (Intro to Comparative Politics); or A course concerning Latin America ; or Instructor's permission.