LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES

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Dept. Code: LAS

MA in Latin American Studies

• The Master of Arts in Latin American Studies is a 30 credit hour interdisciplinary degree characterized by a high degree of flexibility in allowing students to create a course of study focused on Latin American and the Caribbean that serves the interests of the student. Combining core courses offered by the program with a large variety of courses combined with departments, programs, and units throughout the University of Miami, the program offers tremendous diversity in courses available for credit hour towards this degree. This encourages students to combine course offerings from around the university into a cohesive course of study that enables specialization in an area, topic, country, theme, or issue of their choosing and thus to tap into the many resources available at the University of Miami for students with a passion for Latin America and the Caribbean.

• The program consists of two core Latin American and Caribbean seminars, two regional fundamentals, and a minimum of three additional seminars to be taken as electives. Students will also be required to take one research methods course at the 600-level.

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<td>Interdisciplinary In Latin American And Caribbean</td>
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<td>LAS 602</td>
<td>Research Design in Latin American Studies</td>
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<td>Two Regional Fundamentals courses</td>
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<td>Three electives from the list of LAS designated or combined courses (600-level or above)</td>
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<td>One research methods course in the disciple of the student’s specialization</td>
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<td>LAS 810</td>
<td>Pre-candidacy thesis credits ((students must enroll in two semesters of this 3-credit course))</td>
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<td><strong>Total Credit Hours</strong></td>
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• Regional Fundamentals are those courses that have a clear regional or sub-regional focus (e.g. Andean Region; the Caribbean; South America; Central America; Southern Cone; Brazil; South Florida) rather than a specific country focus.

• Electives may be taken from any pre-approved combined or core LAS courses at the 600-level or above, or from other courses approved by the academic director.

• A Research Methods course may be chosen from any available and accessible Research Methods courses available at the University of Miami, but must be appropriate to the course of study chosen by the student and requires approval of the academic director. Under special circumstances, the research methods requirement may be waived with the prior approval of the academic director.

• Students are required to write a master’s thesis, create an equivalent capstone project, or pass a comprehensive exam. The latter two options require the approval of the academic director. For each of these options, a committee consisting of at least three members is required. Students who opt for the comprehensive exam will take one more elective in the place of the Research Methods course and enroll in 6 credit hours of LAS 697, rather than LAS 810.

• Students must demonstrate advanced language competence in Spanish, Portuguese, Haitian Creole, or French by passing a course taught in the target language at the 600-level or above, or by passing a language competency exam.

• With approval from the academic director, students may also take their elective credit hours with Latin Americanists in other Schools such as Communication, Law, Business, or Marine Sciences.

• Students who are simultaneously enrolled in a certificate program (other than GIS) at the University of Miami may double-count courses between the certificate program and the Master of Arts in Latin American Studies, with approval of the academic director. In select cases (such as methods courses), seminars and courses at the 600-level that do not specifically target Latin America or the Caribbean, but for which the final project or paper produced by the student is focused on Latin America may be counted towards the Master of Arts in Latin American Studies, subject to the approval of the academic director.

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Masters

Masters Programs in Latin American Studies

• B.A/M.A. in Latin American Studies (http://bulletin.miami.edu/graduate-academic-programs/arts-sciences/latin-american-studies/latin-american-studies-ma)

• M.A. in Latin American Studies with GIS Certificate (http://bulletin.miami.edu/graduate-academic-programs/arts-sciences/latin-american-studies/latin-american-studies-ma-gis-certificate)

Joint

Joint Program in Latin American Studies

• M.A./JMM Dual Degree in Latin American Studies and Journalism (http://bulletin.miami.edu/graduate-academic-programs/arts-sciences/latin-american-studies/dual_degree-latin-american-studies-journalism-ma)

• M.A./M.P.H Dual Degree in Latin American Studies and Public Health (http://bulletin.miami.edu/graduate-academic-programs/arts-sciences/latin-american-studies/dual_degree-latin-american-studies-mph)

Courses

LAS 601. Interdisciplinary In Latin American And Caribbean. 3 Credit Hours.
Interdisciplinary methods and politics of Latin American and Caribbean area Studies.
Components: SEM.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Fall.
LAS 602. Research Design in Latin American Studies. 3 Credit Hours.
Interdisciplinary research methods and skills in Latin American and Caribbean studies.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Spring.

LAS 603. Program Seminar in Latin American Studies and Caribbean Studies. 3 Credit Hours.
Content of course will vary by semester.
Components: SEM.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Fall & Spring.

LAS 604. Interdisciplinary Topics in Latin American and Caribbean Studies - Travel Course. 3 Credit Hours.
Topics vary. Interdisciplinary focus is thematic and regional (e.g.: tourism in Yucatan; civil society in Chile, Haiti-Dominican Republic relations, cultural policy in the Caribbean, environmental policy in Panama.) Course involves travel during Spring Break and it has a program fee.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Spring.

LAS 605. Internship in Latin American and Caribbean Studies. 1-3 Credit Hours.
On-site experience in business, governmental organization, or non-profit organization dealing with Latin America and/or the Caribbean.
Components: THI.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, & Summer.

LAS 606. Civic Engagement In Latin America. 1-3 Credit Hours.
On site experience in a civic engagement project in Latin America or the Caribbean.
Components: IND.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, & Summer.

LAS 620. Interdisciplinary Topics in Latin American and Caribbean Environments. 3 Credit Hours.
Topics vary. Interdisciplinary focus on policies and impact of globalization on the environment.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Fall, Spring.

LAS 630. Special Topics in Latin American and Caribbean Religions. 3 Credit Hours.
Topics vary. Interdisciplinary focus may be thematic or religion (e.g: Liberation Theology, Latin American and Latino Religions, Caribbean Religions), but will address Latin American and Caribbean Religion.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Fall & Spring.

LAS 640. Special Topics in Latin American and Caribbean Media and Communication. 3 Credit Hours.
Topics vary. Interdisciplinary focus may be thematic or religion (e.g: Global media, Spanish- or Portuguese-language television or radio, social media), but will address Latin American and Caribbean Media and Communication.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Fall & Spring.

LAS 650. Special Topics in Latin American and Caribbean Art and Culture. 3 Credit Hours.
Topics vary. Interdisciplinary focus may be thematic or religion, but will address Latin American and Caribbean Art and Culture.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Fall & Spring.

LAS 660. Special Topics in Latin American and Caribbean Politics. 3 Credit Hours.
Topics vary. Interdisciplinary focus may be thematic or religion (e.g: democracy, new social movements, globalization, politics and society), but will address Latin American and Caribbean Politics.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Fall & Spring.

LAS 680. Special Topics in Latin American and Caribbean History. 3 Credit Hours.
Topics vary. Interdisciplinary focus may be thematic or religion, but will address the history of political, social and economic development in Latin America and the Caribbean
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Fall & Spring.

LAS 691. Debates On Current Issues In Latin American And Caribbean Studies. 3 Credit Hours.
Content may vary from semester to semester. This is a graduate course to allow debate and discussion on current issues and events affecting Latin America, the Caribbean and Latino communities in the United States.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

LAS 694. Directed Readings in Latin America and Caribbean. 3 Credit Hours.
Independent Study leading to an original piece of research, or creative project on a Latin American or Caribbean interdisciplinary topic.
Components: THI.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Fall & Spring.

LAS 697. Readings for the Comprehensive Exam. 3 Credit Hours.
Readings for M.A. students who are preparing for comprehensive examinations.
Components: THI.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Fall & Spring.
LAS 810. Pre-candidacy thesis credits. 3 Credit Hours.
The student working on his/her master’s thesis enrolls for credit, not to exceed three, before student has been admitted to candidacy. Credit is not awarded until the thesis has been accepted.
Components: THI.
Grading: SUS.
Typically Offered: Fall & Spring.

LAS 815. Post-candidacy thesis credits. 3 Credit Hours.
The student working on his/her master’s thesis enrolls for credit, not to exceed six, after student has been admitted to candidacy. Credit is not awarded until the thesis has been accepted.
Components: THI.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Fall & Spring.

LAS 820. Research in residence. 1 Credit Hour.
Used to establish research in residence for the thesis for the master’s degree after the student has enrolled for the permissible cumulative total in LAS 710 (usually six credits). Credit not granted. May be regarded as full time residence.
Components: THI.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, & Summer.