B.A./M.A IN LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES (FELLOWS IN LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES)

FILAS (Fellows in Latin American Studies)
In this highly selective Honors Program, students follow a rigorous, accelerated curriculum to complete a dual degree (B.A./M.A.) in Latin American and Caribbean Studies in five years. The program provides exciting collaborative research, travel, and work opportunities.

Working with UM’s world-class faculty in various academic disciplines, FILAS participants design individualized curricula. In addition to the regular general education course requirements of the College of Arts and Sciences, FILAS students choose one focus track for their most advanced courses: Social Sciences, Literature & Culture, Communication, Environmental Studies, Public Health, or History. For broad-based, multi-disciplinary preparation, students choose courses that focus on Latin America and the Caribbean from the following categories (at least ten of these courses must be taken at the Master’s level):

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Select one of the following:

- FRE 203 Advanced French
- HAI 201 Intermediate Haitian Creole I
- POR 202 Intermediate Portuguese II
- SPA 203 Advanced Spanish

Secondary Language Competence in another Latin American or Caribbean Language

Select one of the following:

- FRE 105 Accelerated Elementary French
- HAI 102 Elementary Haitian Creole II ((or equivalent))
- POR 105 Beginning Portuguese for Spanish Speakers
- SPA 105 Accelerated Elementary Spanish

FILAS Specific Requirements

Select one gateway seminar in Latin American Studies | 3 | | Select two History courses | 6 | | Select two International Studies courses | 6 | | Select two Economics courses | 6 | | Select two advanced Languages and Literatures courses | 6 | (SPA, POR, FRE, or HAI)

Select seven courses in Study Abroad 21 | | | Select one course as Internship in Latin America | 3 | | Select five courses above the 300-level (third-year) in a range of disciplines | 15 | | Select ten courses in one focus track | 30 | | MA Phase Requirements | | | GRE Exam in Semester 7 or 8 | | | LAS 601 Interdisciplinary In Latin American And Caribbean | 3 | | LAS 602 Research Design in Latin American Studies | 3 | | Select two Regional Fundamentals courses | 6 | | Select four electives from approved LAS or combined courses | 12 | | LAS 810 Pre-candidacy thesis credits (students must enroll in two semesters of this 3-credit course to fulfill this requirement.) | 6 | | Total Credit Hours | 150 |

1. Certain AP/IB scores may be used to fulfill the Composition requirement as credit. If Transfer students transfer one of the two above, but not both, they may take ENG 208 to complete the requirement. ENG 105 must be taken unless exempted by SAT/V or ACT/V scores (does not include credits).

2. MTH 108 or higher. Unless exempted by AP/IB, or UM placement test. UM placement test does not include credits. Prerequisites must be met before enrolling in MTH courses.

3. Students must take at least three credits in a language other than English at the 200-level or higher. Prerequisites may be required. Courses taken in order to meet this requirement, including necessary prerequisite courses to the 200 level courses, cannot be used in cognates seen below. FILAS students already fulfill this requirement when completing the language requirements cited below.

4. Degree candidates must complete at least four writing courses, and at least one such course must be in the student’s major discipline.

5. Typically, students must complete a minimum of three cognates, one from each of the three areas of the University curriculum: Arts & Humanities; People & Society; and Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics. A cognate is a minimum of 9 credit hours, however it can be more. Each major/minor fulfills the cognate requirement in one Area of Knowledge. However, FILAS students must complete only the STEM Cognate as the FILAS program fulfills the Arts & Humanities and People & Society cognates. To avoid additional course credits, please select a STEM Cognate that includes a Natural Science course to concurrently fulfill this CAS general education requirement. According to the Collage of Arts & Sciences, “three credits must be earned from one of the following departments: Biology, Chemistry, Ecosystem Science & Policy (only ECS 111, 112, or 202), Geological Sciences, Marine Science (except MSC 313 and 314), Physical Science, or Physics. APY 203 and GEG 120 may also count. These credits may double count with any other requirement, e.g., courses in the STEM cognate.”

FILAS students also write a Master’s Thesis based on an original research project. In addition, they must defend the thesis and present their findings at the LAS Annual Student Symposium.

FILAS Admission Requirements
• SAT1 composite score of 1360 or ACT 31.
• Top 10% of high school graduating class.
• Regular Application for Admission to the University of Miami. We recommend students submit their applications by November 15.
• Recommendations from three high school teachers.
• Statement of interest in FILAS, emphasizing prior language or area study
• To continue through the graduate level (MA Phase), students must maintain at least a 3.4 GPA and take the GRE Exam.