

# LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES

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## Dept. Code: LAS

The Latin American Studies Program at the University of Miami takes an interdisciplinary approach to the study of the politics, economics, cultures, and societies of Latin America and the Caribbean. Courses in the program are offered in departments from every school and college at the University of Miami, and the program's faculty research topics ranging from development economics to immigrant health care, from indigenous music to Caribbean colonial literature, from the archaeology of the region's earliest peoples to present-day questions of resource conservation and management. Our students become true experts who can speak to a wide range of issues confronting Latin America and the Caribbean; experts who can contribute proactively to development and cooperation, business, political analysis, arts, and culture in ways that their peers with a more traditional disciplinary focus simply cannot.

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The interdisciplinary graduate programs in LAS offer excellent preparation for careers in international business, law, banking, work in philanthropy, economic development, the environment, government service, education, health care, or journalism.

## Master of Arts in Latin American Studies

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

### LAS 601. Politics, Societies, and Cultures of Latin America and the Caribbean. 3 Credit Hours.

A graduate-level introduction to the interdisciplinary study of Latin America and the Caribbean.

**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:** Offered by Announcement Only.

### 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:** Offered by Announcement Only.

**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:** Offered by Announcement Only.

**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:** Offered by Announcement Only.

**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:** Offered by Announcement Only.

**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:** Offered by Announcement Only.

**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:** Offered by Announcement Only.

**LAS 681. Graduate Seminar on Public Health: Latin America and the Caribbean. 3 Credit Hours.**

A variety of contemporary global public health issues and policy challenges confronting Latin America and the Caribbean, considering large and small states. We will explore the broader relationship of global public health topics to the political, economic, social, cultural, ethical, ecological, environmental, and technological factors.

**Components:** SEM.

**Grading:** GRD.

**Typically Offered:** Offered by Announcement Only.

**LAS 684. Global Public Health: Harnessing Theoretical Prep with Health Diplomacy and Practical Exper. 3 Credit Hours.**

For students with a genuine interest in global public health and a regional focus in Latin America or the Caribbean. Students will have the opportunity to examine global health issues, programs, projects, policies and ethical dilemmas considering different methods used to study the challenges and successes in global public health work. This course will expose students to the integration of western and health care, as well as the economic, political, social, cultural, environmental, ecological and technological components of their lives that directly or indirectly influence public health outcomes at the community level. Furthermore, students will have a unique opportunity to interact with families and community organizations and programs in the remote villages as well as families residing in urban communities. This will provide greater insights into the epidemiologic, nutrition, lifestyle and socio-economic transitions which bring both positive and negative impacts on health and wellbeing. Students will also learn about importance of health diplomacy and health security within a globalized world through interactions with local policy makers and community members while in the country.

**Components:** FLD.

**Grading:** GRD.

**Typically Offered:** Offered by Announcement Only.

**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. 1-6 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, & Summer.

**LAS 697. Readings for the Comprehensive Exam. 1-6 Credit Hours.**

Readings for M.A. students who are preparing for comprehensive examinations.

**Components:** THI.

**Grading:** GRD.

**Typically Offered:** Fall, Spring, & Summer.

**LAS 810. Pre-candidacy thesis credits. 1-6 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, & Summer.

**LAS 815. Post-candidacy thesis credits. 1-6 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, & Summer.

**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.