

B.A. IN LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES

Curriculum Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Gateway Course		
LAS 101	Introduction to Latin American and Caribbean Studies	3
Advanced Language Proficiency in Spanish, French, Portuguese, or Haitian Creole		
Select one of the following:		3
SPA 203	Advanced Spanish	
FRE 203	Advanced French	
HAI 201	Intermediate Haitian Creole I (or equivalent)	
POR 202	Intermediate Portuguese II	
Secondary Language Competence in another Latin American or Caribbean Language		
Select one of the following:		3
SPA 105	Accelerated Elementary Spanish	
FRE 105	Accelerated Elementary French	
POR 105	Beginning Portuguese for Spanish Speakers	
HAI 102	Elementary Haitian Creole II (or equivalent)	
A Latin American, Caribbean, or Indigenous language course in the DILS program		
Upper Division LAS Courses		
Select two courses in Latin American history		6
Select six LAS, LAS cross-listed, or LAS Director approved classes ¹		18
Select one of the following:		3
LAS 494	Independent Study in Latin American and Caribbean Studies	
LAS 501	Interdisciplinary in Latin American and Caribbean	
LAS 505	Internship in Latin American and Caribbean Studies	
LAS 506	Civic Engagement in Latin America	
General Education Requirements		
Written Communication Skills:		
WRS 105	First-Year Writing I	3
WRS 106	First-Year Writing II	3
or ENG 106	Writing About Literature and Culture	
Quantitative Skills:		
MTH 108	Precalculus Mathematics II ((or higher))	3
Areas of Knowledge:		
Arts & Humanities or People and Society Cognate (9 credits) (fulfilled through the major)		
People and Society or Arts and Humanities Cognate (depending on which is fulfilled through the major)		9
STEM Cognate		9
Additional Required Courses		
UMX 100	The University of Miami Experience	0
Minor (not LAS)		15
Electives to 120 credits		42
Total Credit Hours		120

* A C- or better for all major courses, with a GPA of 2.0 are required for successful completion of the LAS Major.

¹ 12 credit hours (4 classes) of which must be completed at the 300-level or higher. Courses that are not combined with LAS but do have a significant focus on Latin America may be taken with the approval of the academic director. A freshman seminar with a significant focus (25% or more) on Latin America or the Caribbean may be counted towards this requirement. SPA 203 and FRE 203 may be counted towards this requirement if not used to satisfy the aforementioned language requirements.

Disclaimer: This is a model plan of study only. It is not guaranteed that every course will be available in the year/semester noted below.

Suggested Plan of Study

Year One		
Fall		Credit Hours
WRS 105	First-Year Writing I	3
LAS 101	Introduction to Latin American and Caribbean Studies	3
MTH 113	Finite Mathematics	3
UMX 100	The University of Miami Experience	0
Natural Science Course		3
Language Course		3
		Credit Hours
		15
Spring		
WRS 106	First-Year Writing II	3
LAS 301	Interdisciplinary Topics in Latin American and Caribbean Studies	3
POL 203	Introduction to International Relations	3
LAS Language Course		3
Elective		3
		Credit Hours
		15
Year Two		
Fall		
LAS 330	Special Topics in Latin American and Caribbean Religions	3
ECO 211	Principles of Microeconomics	3
Arts and Humanities Cognate Course		3
STEM Cognate Course		3
Minor Course		3
		Credit Hours
		15
Spring		
LAS 350	Special Topics in Latin American and Caribbean Art and Culture	3
LAS Language Course		3
STEM Cognate Course		3
Arts and Humanities Cognate Course		3
Minor Course		3
		Credit Hours
		15
Year Three		
Fall		
LAS 340	Special Topics in Latin American and Caribbean Economics	3
LAS 491	Debates on Current Issues in Latin American and Caribbean Studies	3
Arts and Humanities Cognate Course		3
STEM Cognate Course		3
Minor Course		3
		Credit Hours
		15
Spring		
LAS 494	Independent Study in Latin American and Caribbean Studies	3
HIS 554	Studies in Modern Latin American History	3
LAS Language Course		3
Minor Course		3
Elective		3
		Credit Hours
		15
Year Four		
Fall		
LAS 411	Studies in Latin America and the Caribbean	3
LAS 495	Senior Honors Thesis I	3

LAS 505	Internship in Latin American and Caribbean Studies	3
LAS 520	Interdisciplinary Topics in Latin American and Caribbean Environments	3
Minor Course		3
	Credit Hours	15
Spring		
LAS 496	Senior Honors Thesis II	3
LAS Language Course		3
Elective		3
Elective		3
Elective		3
	Credit Hours	15
	Total Credit Hours	120

Mission

The mission of the B.A. in Latin American Studies is to prepare students as they acquire knowledge of the history, literature, culture, politics, economics, and natural sciences of the regions of Latin America and the Caribbean. This knowledge acquisition should occur within an interdisciplinary framework that emphasizes the languages of the Hispanophone, Francophone, and Lusophone Americas, and which includes the transnational study of Latin American and Caribbean diasporic communities in the United States.

Student Learning Outcomes

- Students should graduate from the program with a deep understanding of Latin America, the Caribbean, as well as of the individual countries within the region, as acquired through internships, travel and study abroad.
- Students will demonstrate proficiency in Latin American regional learning, a critical analysis of and an engagement with complex, interdependent regional systems and legacies (such as natural, physical, social, cultural, economic, and political) and the lives and sustainable development of the region.
- Students will demonstrate proficiency in inquiry and analysis. Inquiry is a systematic process of exploring issues/ objects/works through the collection and analysis of evidence that result in informed conclusions/ judgments. Analysis is the process of breaking complex topics or issues into parts to gain a better understanding of them.