LAS Curriculum

Course Topics
- Latin American History
- Caribbean Religion
- Gender, Poverty, and Music
- Indigenous Peoples
- Development, Environment, and Globalization
- Migration Studies
- Environmental Sustainability
- Neo-Latin Culture
- Drug Trafficking and Organized Crime
- Comparative Economics and Politics
- Global Public Health

Degree Programs
- Undergraduate
  - Major in LAS: 36 credits
  - Minor in LAS: 15 credits
- Honors
  - Fellowship in Latin American Studies (FALAS) 4-year BA/MA program

LAS Fast Facts
- Approximately 250 UN Faculty
- Specialize in Latin America and the Caribbean
- 14 Languages
- 45 Million Indigenous People Live in Latin America
- Brazil is the most populous Latin American country (with more people than China)
- There are 33 countries in Latin America and the Caribbean
- 639 Million People Live in Latin America
- 70% of the population of Latin America speaks Spanish
- 25% of the US population will be able to trace their lineage to Latin America
- There are 37 Language Families in South America
- Hispanic/Latino is the 2nd largest ethnic group in the United States
- By 2050, over 20% of the population of Miami identifies as Latinx

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- Graduate
  - Master of Arts in Latin American Studies: 30 credits

- Dual Degrees
  - MA in LAS + Certificate in Geospatial Technology: 30 credits
  - MA in LAS + Master of Public Health: 45 credits
  - MA in LAS + Juris Doctorate: 90 credits

LAS Fact Sheet
- University of Miami
- Gateway to the Hemisphere

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  - HLA/ALC: 40 credits

Language Requirements
- Spanish
- Portuguese
- French
- Haitian Creole

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- Goats, Poetry, and Music
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The University of Miami serves as the academic heart of this great cultural crossroads. There is no better place from which to study Latin America and the Caribbean; in Miami, we study the region both from a distance and from within. Miami offers cultural immersion, diversity, expertise, innovation, and vitality.

**Latin American Studies in Miami**

**Travel Courses**

The LAS program offers Spring Break travel courses that provide students with the opportunity to learn about specific areas in Latin America by traveling with a UM professor to experience the region first-hand.

- **Chile, Chile**
  - Fieldwork in Coastal Management
- **Havana & Cienfuegos, Cuba**
  - The Most Beautiful Land: Travels Through Cuba
- **Cabo Rojo, Puerto Rico**
  - Field Experience in Archaeology
- **Bocas del Toro, Panama**
  - Conservation, Tourism, and Development: Fieldwork in Coastal Management

**UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES**

At the undergraduate level, the Latin American Studies program offers a major, a minor, and an honors BA + MA program. These interdisciplinary programs offer excellent preparation for careers in international business, law, foreign economic development, governance, service education, health care, journalism, philanthropy, sustainability, or on to graduate study.

**Major**

Requires 42 courses and competency in two Latin American languages.

**Minor**

Requires 15 courses or participation in the ULatin America program.

**Fellows in Latin American Studies (FLAS)**

A highly-selective honors program offering a customizable curriculum and an accelerated Bachelor/Masters degree in 5 years.

**Study Abroad**

**ULatin America - Argentina, Brazil, & Chile**

Students participating in this program will have the opportunity to spend a life-changing semester in three of the most vibrant, cosmopolitan and richest cities in the world: Buenos Aires, Rio de Janeiro, and Santiago. This program offers students a series of courses designed to help them explore the dynamics of Latin American nation and their various cultures. With no language requirement, the ULatin America program is the perfect way to begin learning Spanish or Portuguese and to participate in an internship opportunity abroad. Participating in ULatin America satisfies the minor in LAS.

**INTERNSHIPS**

A key driver of student knowledge-building and future career success is participation in internship and civic engagement projects. Our students have completed internships in Latin American, LatinX, and Caribbean media, policy, advocacy, cultural, and financial institutions. Several students have gone on to earn paid positions with these organizations upon graduation.

**GRADUATE STUDIES**

**Master of Arts (MA)**

Prepares a student for a high-level interdisciplinary degree characterized by significant flexibility, allowing students to create a course of study focused on Latin America and the Caribbean by taking a range of courses across the universities. The program can be completed through a capstone experience, comprehensive exams, or writing a thesis.

**Foreign Area Officers (FAOs)**

We welcome commissioned U.S. military personnel from any one of the five branches of the United States Armed Forces pursuing Advanced Civilian Schooling (ACS) as part of their preparation to serve in the region.

**NIU LAS + Master of Public Health**

For students who want to meet the urgent need for professionals to address the growing public health challenges in Latin America and the Caribbean, as well as diasporic communities in the U.S.

**NIU LAS + Certification in Geospatial Technology**

For students wishing to use elective credits to obtain specific skills in Geographic Information Systems (GIS) mapping, and remote sensing.

**NIU LAS + Joint Degrees**

For students interested in legal, governmental, and nonprofit sectors of professions with a Latin America or Caribbean focus.
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