



UNIVERSITY  
OF MIAMI



*University of Miami*

LATIN AMERICAN  
STUDIES

# MIAMI: GATEWAY TO THE HEMISPHERE

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## **THE UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI'S LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES (LAS) PROGRAM**

offers an interdisciplinary approach to the study of the politics, economics, cultures, and societies of Latin America and the Caribbean. Courses are offered in departments from every school and college at the University of Miami. Our students become true experts who can speak to a wide range of issues confronting Latin America, and are prepared to proactively contribute to development and cooperation, as well as to business and political analysis in the region.





# LAS

# Curriculum

## Course Topics

- Latin American History
  - Caribbean Religions
  - Cinema, Poetry, and Music
  - Indigenous Peoples
  - Democracy, Development, and Globalization
  - Migration Studies
  - Environmental Sustainability
  - Afro-Latino Culture
  - Drug-trafficking and Organized Crime
  - Comparative Economics and Politics
  - Global Public Health
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## Degree Programs

### Undergraduate

- >> Major in LAS: 36 credits
- >> Minor in LAS: 15 credits

### Honors

- >> Fellows in Latin American Studies (FILAS) 5-year BA/MA program

### 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: 60 credits
- >> MA in LAS + Juris Doctorate: 103 credits

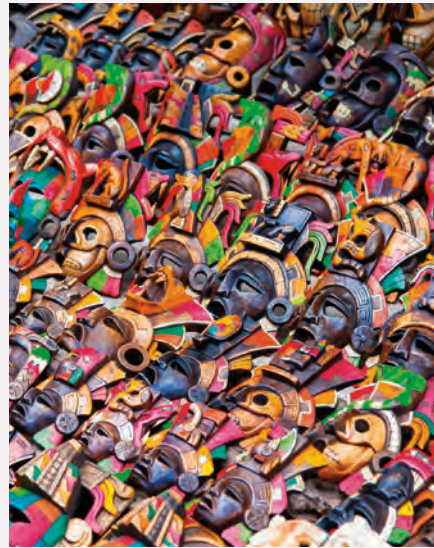




# Latin American Studies *in Miami*

Nearly half of Miami's residents were born in Latin America or the Caribbean, and many more trace their heritage and ancestry to the region. As such, Miami is unique in the United States, and indeed in the Americas as a whole, for its Latino-Americanidad. In Miami, citizens and residents do not identify as Latino but as Cuban-American, Venezuelan-American, Haitian-American and so on. In Miami, traditional stereotypes fall flat. Often described as the capital of Latin America, our city exists at the heart of the Americas, and is host to business headquarters, non-governmental organizations, and media corporations that target Latin America and the Caribbean.

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.



## 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.**

**>> Chiloé, 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, banking, economic development, government service, education, health care, journalism, philanthropy, sustainability, or on to graduate study.

### Major

Requires **12 courses** and competency in **two** Latin American languages.

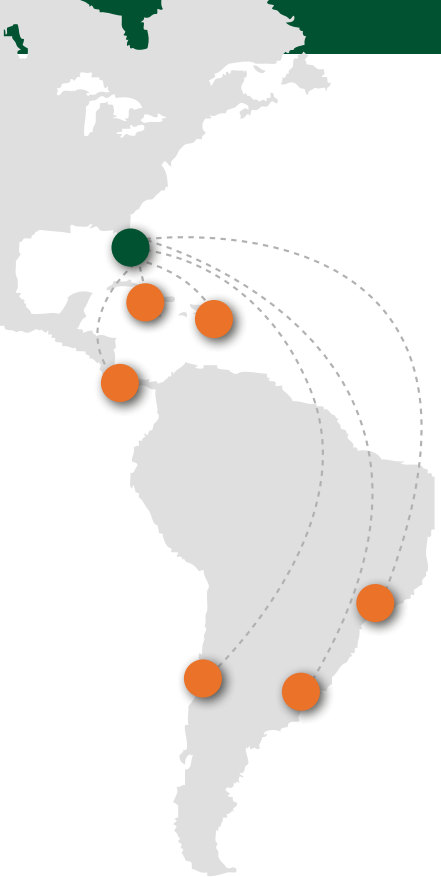
### Minor

Requires **5 courses** or participation in the ULatin America program.

### Fellows in Latin American Studies (FILAS)

A highly-selective honors program offering a customizable curriculum and an accelerated Bachelors/ 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 liveliest 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 nations 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.**

## INTERSHIPS

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)

The MA in LAS is a 30-credit hour 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 classes across the university. The program can be completed through a capstone experience, comprehensive exam, or by writing a thesis.

### Foreign Area Officers (FAOs)

We welcome commissioned U.S. military personnel from any 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.

### MA in 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.

### MA in LAS + Certificate in Geospatial Technology

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

### MA in LAS + Juris Doctorate

For students interested in legal, governmental, and nonprofit positions in institutions with a Latin American/Caribbean focus.

LAS FAST FACTS

APPROXIMATELY

250

UM FACULTY

SPECIALIZE IN  
LATIN AMERICA  
AND THE CARIBBEAN



14

study abroad  
opportunities in  
Latin America

4 LANGUAGES



satisfy the LAS language requirement:  
Spanish, Portuguese, French, or Haitian-Creole

45 MILLION INDIGENOUS  
PEOPLE LIVE IN  
LATIN AMERICA

BRAZIL

Brazil is the most  
populous Latin  
American country

(5TH MOST POPULOUS  
IN THE WORLD)



THERE ARE 33 countries

in Latin  
America and  
the Caribbean



NO GRE  
REQUIRED

The GRE is not required  
for admission to the  
LAS graduate program.



BY 2050, OVER

25%



of the US population  
will be able to trace their  
lineage to Latin America

639  
MILLION  
PEOPLE

LIVE IN LATIN AMERICA



37  
LANGUAGE  
FAMILIES

in South America



HISPANIC/  
LATINO  
IS THE

2nd  
LARGEST

ethnic group in  
the United States

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