

# LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES

## Curriculum

### Course Topics

- Latin American History
- Caribbean Religions
- Latinx Cinema, Poetry, and Music
- Global Indigenous Studies
- Democracy, Development, and Globalization in Latin America
- Migration Studies
- Environmental Sustainability
- Afro-Latino Culture
- History of Cuba
- Brazil in Transition
- US-Latin American Relations

### Degree Programs

#### Undergraduate

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

#### Honors

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

#### Graduate

- >> Master of Arts in Latin American Studies: 30 credits
- >> MA in LAS + Certificate in Geospatial Technology: 30 credits
- >> MA in LAS + Certificate in Security Management: 30 credits

#### Dual Degrees

- >> MA in LAS + Master of Public Health: 60 credits
- >> MA in LAS + Juris Doctorate: 103 credits

### LAS FAST FACTS

APPROXIMATELY  
**250**  
UM FACULTY  
SPECIALIZE IN  
LATIN AMERICA  
AND THE CARIBBEAN

**NO GRE  
REQUIRED**  
The GRE is not  
required for admission  
to the LAS graduate  
program.

**4** LANGUAGES  
satisfy the LAS language pre-requisite:  
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

**14**  
study abroad  
opportunities in  
Latin America

BY 2050, OVER  
**25%**  
of the US population  
will be able to trace their  
lineage to Latin America

MIAMI HAS THE HIGHEST  
CUBAN POPULATION  
OUTSIDE THE ISLAND.

HISPANIC/LATINO  
IS THE  
**2nd**  
LARGEST  
ethnic group in the U.S.

**37**  
LANGUAGE  
FAMILIES  
in South America

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OF MIAMI



MIAMI:  
GATEWAY  
TO THE  
HEMISPHERE

**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.

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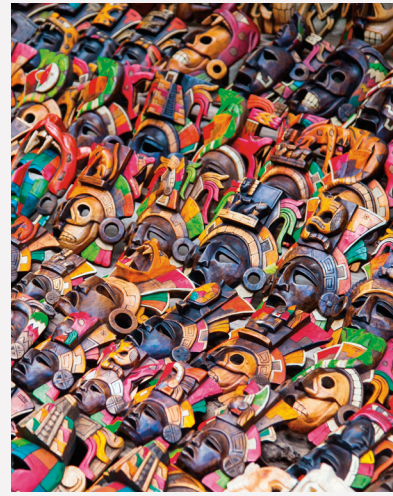




## Latin American Studies *in Miami*

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.

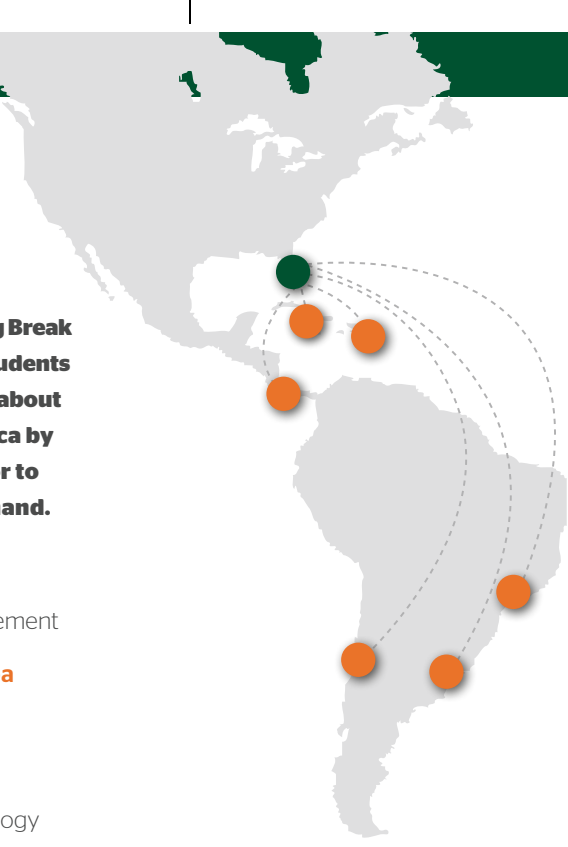
The University of Miami serves as the academic heart of this great cultural crossroads. There is no better place from which to study Latin America and the Caribbean; in Miami, we study the region both from a distance and from within. Miami offers cultural immersion, diversity, expertise, innovation,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



### 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.

**Courses taken as part of ULatin America may be counted towards the LAS minor.**



### 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)

The MA in LAS is an interdisciplinary degree characterized by significant flexibility, allowing students to create an individualized course of study focused on Latin America and the Caribbean across multiple departments. Graduate LAS students go on to Ph.D. programs or pursue careers in the region. Applicants must demonstrate working fluency in a regional language.

#### 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 + Certificate in Security Management

For students looking to pursue careers that involve emergency management, disaster relief, and the mitigation of threats to the safety of humans and the environment.

#### 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 + Juris Doctorate

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

#### 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.

### UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

At the undergraduate level, the College of Arts & Sciences offers a major, a minor, and an honors BA + MA program in Latin American Studies, as well as a minor in Cuban Studies. These interdisciplinary programs offer excellent preparation for careers in international business, law, banking, economic development, government service, education, health care, journalism, emergency management, sustainability, or on to graduate study.

#### Major in Latin American Studies

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

#### Minor in Latin American Studies

Requires **5 courses** including those taken as part of ULatin America.

#### Minor in Cuban Studies

Requires **5 courses** with optional internship in the Cuban Heritage Collection at the Richter Library.

#### Fellows in Latin American Studies (FILAS)

A highly-selective program offering an accelerated Bachelors/Masters degree in 5 years.

