



UNIVERSITY
OF MIAMI



LATIN AMERICAN AND CUBAN STUDIES

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.



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
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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

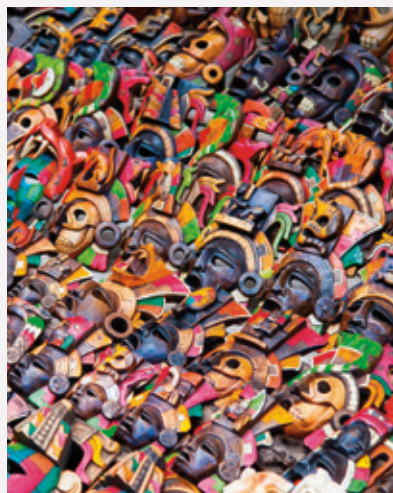
- >> MA in LAS + Master of Public Health: 60 credits
- >> MA in LAS + Juris Doctorate: 103 credits



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 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

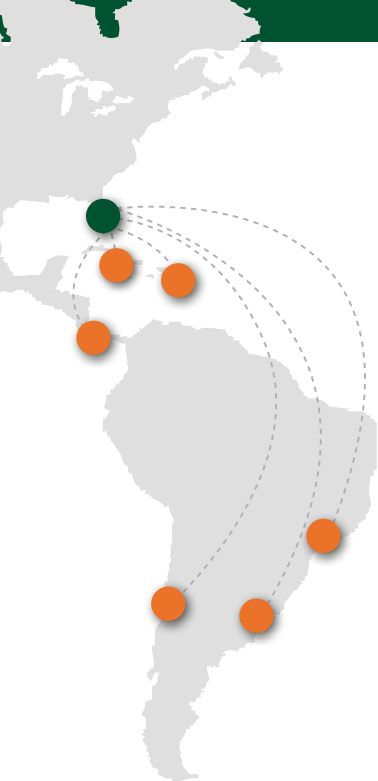
Requires **5 courses** including those taken as part of ULatin America.

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.



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.

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.

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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**



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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.

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**LANGUAGE
FAMILIES**

in South America



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