

Master of Arts in Latin American Studies, Curriculum for Students Entering Fall 2011

General Program

Survey of the field (3 credits)	LAS 501: Scholarly Literature and Research in Latin American Studies
Research design (3 credits)	LAS 502: Research Design for Latin American Studies
Regional fundamentals (6 credits)	Students must take at least two Latin American and Caribbean courses from at least two disciplines drawn from a list of designated courses.*
Methods class (3 credits)	Students take at least one methods class from a discipline appropriate to their specialization.
Three electives in an interdisciplinary track (9 credits)	Courses in the student's area of specialization, drawn from across UM's three campuses.
Capstone project or thesis (6 credits)	Capstone projects can be done as part of a class or done individually. Individual projects or thesis require a director and committee.
Total – 30 credits	

GIS Option

Survey of the field (3 credits)	LAS 501: Scholarly Literature and Research in Latin American Studies
3 required courses in GIS (9 credits)	GEG 599 (3 credits) – Introduction to GIS GEG 591 (3 credits) – Intermediate GIS GEG 592 (3 credits) – Environmental Remote Sensing. Or appropriate GIS or methods elective.
3 electives (9 credits)	Students must take at least two Latin American and Caribbean courses from at least two disciplines drawn from a list of designated courses. GIS can be part of final paper or project.
Research design (3 credits)	LAS 502: Research Design in Latin American Studies
Capstone project using GIS (6 credits)	Capstone projects can be done as part of a class or done individually. Individual projects require a director and committee.
Total – 30 credits	

Language – Students must demonstrate advanced competence in one primary language from the region. Students can satisfy this requirement by passing an exam or one graduate level course with a B or above.

** Regional Fundamentals include the following courses. Students should take at least one of the first three courses. The second course may be drawn from the entire list of offerings. These courses may also be used as electives.*

1. LAS 503/ INS 580/ POL 585 Latin American Comparative Politics
2. HIS 554 Studies in Modern Latin American History
3. INS521 Economic Development
4. INS 566 U.S.-Latin American Relations
5. SPA 636 Topics in 20th Century Latin American Literature
6. POR 591 Introduction to Luso-Afro-Brazilian Literatures
7. LAS 520 Latin America and the Environment
8. GEG520 Immigration to the United States