

Template for Combined Degree, BA or BS (various fields) and MA in Latin American Studies, University of Florida

The Center for Latin American Studies at the University of Florida (UF) invites applications from well-prepared and high-achieving UF students who seek to complete a combined BA/BS and MA in Latin American Studies. This program allows talented students to develop their expertise in Latin American Studies, strengthen their preparation for future study and careers related to Latin America and the Caribbean, and to enhance their marketability to potential employers. A total of 12 credits (normally 4 classes) will double count towards the undergraduate and MA degrees, thus allowing completion of both degrees in a shorter time, saving one or two semesters. In most cases, the combined degrees can be completed in 5 years of full-time study. The undergraduate degree need not be in Latin American Studies, but applicants should have successfully completed at least 12 credits in 3000-4000 level courses with at least 25% Latin American content (including at least one LAS 4935) by the time they begin the combined degree program. Undergraduate financial aid can be applied toward the costs of graduate coursework in the first year of the combined degree (students will be responsible for paying the tuition differential between undergraduate and graduate credits).

Eligibility: 3.5 GPA, at least 12 credits of 3000-4000 level Latin American-content courses (including at least one LAS 4935), intermediate proficiency in Spanish, Portuguese or Haitian Creole (as determined by a standardized exam, individual assessment by UF faculty, or coursework – i.e. Spanish through SPN 2240, Portuguese through POR 3242, or HAI 2200; and satisfactory GRE scores . The GRE should be taken no later than the fall semester of the fourth or final year of undergraduate studies.

Application deadline: March 1 of the 3rd undergraduate or junior year (for the ensuing fall semester). Applicants should submit a statement of purpose (two pages), two letters of recommendation, and transcripts to be considered for admission to the combined degree program. Acceptance to the combined degree program entails *provisional* admission to the MA program in Latin American Studies. Formal admission to the MA program is contingent on satisfactory GRE scores and continuing satisfactory academic performance. The on-line application is found at the following:

<https://www.isis.ufl.edu/cgi-bin/eaglec?page=iga-intro>

For MALAS program requirements, consult the following:

<http://www.latam.ufl.edu/Academic/malas.stm>

Recommended Course of Study

Fall Semester, 4th Undergraduate (or Senior) Year

- LAS 6220 Issues and Perspectives (3 credits)*
- LAS 6293 Research Design and Methods (3 credits)*

Spring Semester, 4th Undergraduate (or Senior) Year

- 6 credits of courses approved for MA in Latin American Studies. Normally this means graduate level (5000-6000) courses with at least 25% Latin American content. *

Summer between Year 4 and 5

- 3 credits of LAS 6905 (Individual Study or Internship)
- Conduct research for thesis

Fall Semester, 5th Year

- 9 credits of courses approved for MA in Latin American Studies

Spring Semester, 5th Year

- 9 credits of courses approved for MA in Latin American Studies (including 3 credits of LAS 6971, MA Thesis Research)

*Double counts toward BA/BS and MA degrees