**LATIN AMERICAN, CARIBBEAN, AND IBERIAN STUDIES, M.A.**

**REQUIREMENTS**

**MINIMUM GRADUATE SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS**

Review the Graduate School minimum academic progress and degree requirements (http://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/#policiesandrequirementsstext), in addition to the program requirements listed below.

**MAJOR REQUIREMENTS**

**MODE OF INSTRUCTION**

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**Mode of Instruction Definitions**

**Accelerated:** Accelerated programs are offered at a fast pace that condenses the time to completion. Students typically take enough credits aimed at completing the program in a year or two.

**Evening/Weekend:** Courses meet on the UW–Madison campus only in evenings and/or on weekends to accommodate typical business schedules. Students have the advantages of face-to-face courses with the flexibility to keep work and other life commitments.

**Face-to-Face:** Courses typically meet during weekdays on the UW-Madison Campus.

**Hybrid:** These programs combine face-to-face and online learning formats. Contact the program for more specific information.

**Online:** These programs are offered 100% online. Some programs may require an on-campus orientation or residency experience, but the courses will be facilitated in an online format.

**CURRICULAR REQUIREMENTS**

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<td>Minimum Graduate Coursework Requirement</td>
<td>15 credits must be graduate-level coursework. Details can be found in the Graduate School's Minimum Graduate Coursework (50%) policy (<a href="https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244/">https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244/</a>).</td>
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**Overall**

3.00 GPA required.

**Graduate GPA Requirement**

This program follows the Graduate School’s policy: https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1203/.

**Other Grade Requirements**

n/a

**Assessments and Examinations**

Candidates are expected to finish the degree in four semesters of full-time study; after four semesters, the student must petition for extension. Time to degree will be customized for students in dual or articulated degree programs. Students must also petition for part-time (fewer than 6 credits per semester) status.

**Language Requirements**

Candidates must obtain certification of basic proficiency in Spanish or Portuguese or offer proof of proficiency.

**REQUIRED COURSES**

Completion of the degree requires 30 credits of courses with Latin American, Caribbean and Iberian language and area content, consisting of 12 credits in a student’s core area, 12 credits in complimentary program core areas and research methods, and 6 thesis credits (senior honors thesis courses do not count). At least 50% of course credit must be in courses numbered 700 or above, or that have a graduate attribute.

Students choose among LACIS’ core areas in consultation with the Program Associate Director and their faculty advisor.

**Core Courses**

12 credits in a student’s core area numbered 300 or above, as decided upon in consultation with the Program Associate Director and their faculty advisor.

**Complementary Area Coursework**

12 credits of courses numbered 300 or above, or Foreign Language and Area studies approved language courses, as decided upon in consultation with the Program Associate Director and their faculty advisor.

**Pertinent Research Methods**

At least 3 credits of complementary coursework in a pertinent research methods course are required.

**Graduate Seminars**

At least two seminars (6 credits total) must be included in the complementary coursework, and at least one of these seminars must be LACIS/A A E/ANTHRO/C&E SOC/GEOG/HISTORY/POLI SCI/PORTUG/SOC/SPANISH 982 Interdepartmental Seminar in the Latin-American Area (or equivalent seminar).

**Additional Coursework**

The remaining 6 credits will be completed through additional coursework. In order to earn an MA degree, students must write and defend a paper or optional master’s thesis to a three-person committee consisting of the faculty advisor, LACIS director or associate director and one more relevant faculty member. Thesis credits may count towards additional coursework. **A limit of 6 credits of LACIS 698 Directed Study or LACIS 699 Directed Study can count towards LACIS coursework.**