

LACIS Mission:



Costa Rica (Photo Courtesy of Darcy Little)

The mission of the Latin American, Caribbean & Iberian Studies Program as a resource center and as an academic program, is threefold:

- To train Latin Americanist specialists for academic, government, and private sectors;
- To support Latin Americanist students and faculty in their intellectual development so that they can become and remain superior researchers, teachers and scholars;
- To serve as a local, regional, and national resource center that provides outreach, support services, and information to other university units, K-16, government, civic, community and business constituencies.



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**ACADEMIC
PROGRAMS**



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Bachelor of Arts Program:

The Latin American, Caribbean, and Iberian Studies Program (LACIS) is one of the major U.S. centers for research and teaching about Latin America. The program focuses on an inter-disciplinary approach to the study of Latin America, the Caribbean, Spain, and Portugal. A wide range of courses from across the University fulfill degree requirements in fields such as Anthropology, Business, Economics, Geography, History, Journalism, Political Science, Sociology, Music, Dance, Spanish and Portuguese.

The aims of the Latin American, Caribbean and Iberian studies major are to provide:

- A broad exposure to Latin American, Caribbean, and Iberian studies by requiring students to take area and language specific content courses;
- Flexibility which allows students to tailor the coursework to their areas of interest, study abroad and develop innovative academic projects;
- Honors in the LACIS major;
- Basic working knowledge of Spanish and/or Portuguese and the opportunity to study Quechua and Yucatec Maya;
- Career-related advice and opportunities including volunteer work and internships with international organizations working in the Latin American and Caribbean area;
- Merit-based scholarships through our LACIS Travel Grant Program.

A minimum of 40 credits is required for the LACIS major. Students must fulfill 4 requirements: an introductory class; a language requirement; 5 concentration classes; and 3 elec-

tive classes. In addition, students are encouraged to study abroad and much of the coursework taken abroad can count for the major.



Ruins of Palenque, Mexico

Master of Arts Program:

The Master of Arts degree in the Latin American, Caribbean, and Iberian Studies Program is designed to provide an interdisciplinary study of Latin America, the Caribbean, Spain and Portugal. Students take courses from a wide array of departments that have offerings relevant to LACIS.

Completion of the degree requires 24 credits of courses with Latin American, Caribbean, and Iberian language and area content, consisting of:

- 12 credits in a field of concentration;
- 12 credits in one or more other fields;
- A minimum of two seminars (at least one of these must be the Interdepartmental Seminar in the Latin American Area (982)).

Dual Law/LACIS Program:

The dual degree program established by the Law School and LACIS Program allows students to complete a JD and a MA in a *minimum of seven semesters*. The dual degree arrangement reduces

the total amount of time required for the two degrees because a limited number of credits for each degree can be applied to both programs.

PhD Minor Program:

Students who are candidates for the PhD degree in other departments may obtain a minor in LACIS by completing a minimum of 12 credits, including two semesters of seminar coursework with LACIS content. The LACIS MA may also be used as PhD Minor.

Funding Opportunities:

- LACIS offers a Travel Grant Program for Undergraduate students seeking funding for internships or volunteer programs (please visit the LACIS website or speak to the undergraduate advisor for more details)
- We offer the Tinker-NAVE Summer Research Grant Program for Graduate and PhD students looking to engage in research abroad related to their studies (please visit the LACIS website or speak to the graduate advisor for more details)

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