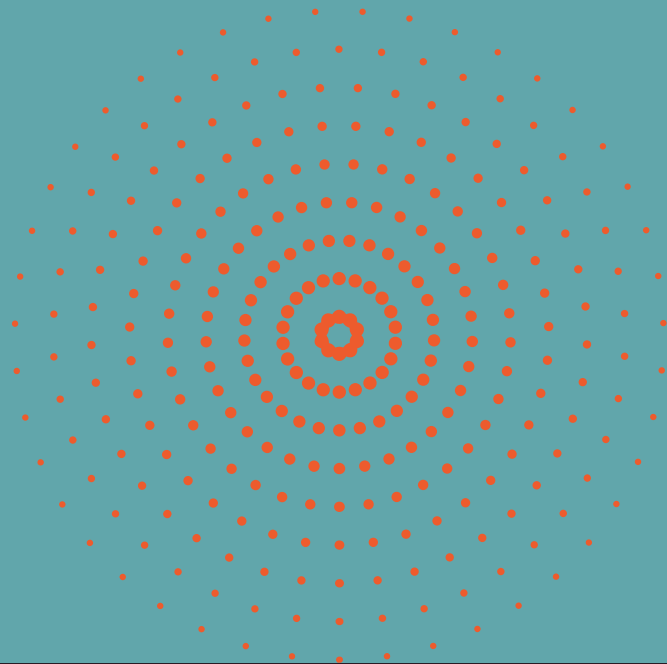


# 2023-2024

## ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT



**Latin American, Caribbean, and  
Iberian Studies Program (LACIS)**  
INSTITUTE FOR REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL STUDIES  
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JUNE 2023 - JUNE 2024

# Message from LACIS' Director



As we end year two of the 4-year cycle in Title VI support, we thought this an excellent time to reflect on our activities and accomplishments.

As you will see, LACIS has been very active in creating and supporting programming about Latin American, Caribbean & Iberian peoples, places, histories, and contemporary issues for UW-Madison and greater Wisconsin audiences. We are extremely proud of the geographical and topical breadth of our programming, and of the sheer number of faculty, students, and visitors we were able to support through travel and research funds.

We are thrilled to share our impact report for the 2023-2024 academic year and begin what is sure to be another engaging year for LACIS in 2024-2025.

Sara L. McKinnon

## **SUMMER 2023 HIGHLIGHT:**

- Along with our area studies partners at UW-Madison, we offered a virtual K-12 educator workshop entitled, "[The Good Life: Global Perspectives on Wellbeing and Happiness](#)" to nearly 50 educators.
- We hosted the visit of two chancellors from the University of Guadalajara, Mexico.
- We also hosted an informal meet and greet with Dr. Esteban Valenzuela, Agriculture Minister of Chile.

## **AUTUMN 2023 HIGHLIGHT:**

- The "[Dances with Devils](#)" art exhibition was on display at the UW-Madison Hillel Foundation throughout the fall semester.
- We co-sponsored the [SOFFA lecture](#) featuring Antonia Urrejola, Lawyer and Former Foreign Minister of Chile and Former President, Inter-American Commission of Human Rights: "Accountability for Crimes Against Humanity: From Pinochet to Present."

## **WINTER 2024 HIGHLIGHT:**

- Along with the Center for Southeast Asian Studies, we offered a two-day community college educator workshop: "[Refugees, Dehumanization, and Rehumanization: A Practical, Pedagogical Workshop](#)" at the Edgewater Hotel to 45 educators.
- LACIS Associate Director, Dr. Alberto Vargas, moderated a panel for Global Health Tuesday: "[Psilocybin & Improving Mental Health](#)."

## **SPRING 2024 HIGHLIGHT:**

- Throughout the spring semester, LACIS provided translation and publicity support for a three-part series of virtual workshops presented by [Heart Sanctuary](#) which featured several indigenous speakers and healers from Latin America.
- We organized a [visit by Dr. Lina Murillo, U. of Iowa](#), to Madison East High School to discuss reproductive rights and equality within the Latinx population. Dr. Murillo met with nearly 80 upperclass students.

# LACIS EDUCATIONAL GRANTS:

PROGRAM	# OF AWARDS	ACADEMIC PROGRAMS REPRESENTED	DETAILS	COUNTRIES REPRESENTED
<b><u>FOREIGN LANGUAGE &amp; AREA STUDIES (FLAS)</u></b>	<b>20</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>LAW SCHOOL</li> <li>LACIS</li> <li>SCHL OF MEDICINE &amp; PUBLIC HEALTH</li> <li>ENVIROMENTAL SCIENCE</li> <li>HISTORY OF SCIENCE, MEDICINE &amp; TECHNOLOGY</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>13 PORTUGUESE</li> <li>6 QUICHUA</li> <li>4 YUCATEC MAYA</li> <li>1 NAHUATL</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BELIZE</li> <li>BRAZIL</li> <li>ECUADOR</li> <li>GUATEMALA</li> <li>MEXICO</li> </ul>
<b><u>TINKER-NAVE COLLABORATIVE SUMMER FIELD RESEARCH COMPETITION</u></b>	<b>12</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ANTHROPOLOGY</li> <li>ART HISTORY</li> <li>EDUCATION</li> <li>ENGLISH</li> <li>GEOGRAPHY</li> <li>HISTORY</li> <li>INTERNATIONAL STUDIES</li> <li>LACIS</li> <li>NELSON INSTITUTE</li> <li>POLITICAL SCIENCE</li> <li>SPANISH &amp; PORTUGUESE</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BOLIVIA</li> <li>BRAZIL</li> <li>CHILE</li> <li>COLOMBIA</li> <li>GUATEMALA</li> <li>MEXICO</li> <li>PERU</li> <li>UNITED STATES</li> </ul>
<b><u>STUDENT TRAVEL GRANTS</u></b>	<b>19</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>AGRICULTURE &amp; APPLIED SCIENCE</li> <li>ART</li> <li>BOTANY</li> <li>CURRICULUM &amp; INSTRUCTION</li> <li>ED LEADERSHIP &amp; POLICY ANALYSIS</li> <li>ENGLISH</li> <li>GEOSCIENCE</li> <li>HISTORY</li> <li>INTERNATIONAL STUDIES</li> <li>LACIS</li> <li>LAFOLLETTE</li> <li>MUSIC</li> <li>PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCES</li> <li>SPANISH &amp; PORTUGUESE</li> <li>TEXTILES &amp; FASHION</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BRAZIL</li> <li>COLOMBIA</li> <li>COSTA RICA</li> <li>JAMAICA</li> <li>GUATEMALA</li> <li>GUYANA</li> <li>MEXICO</li> <li>MOROCCO</li> <li>PERU</li> <li>PORTUGAL</li> <li>SPAIN</li> <li>SWITZERLAND</li> <li>UNITED STATES</li> </ul>
<b><u>NEAL SILVA SCHOLARSHIP</u></b>	<b>7</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>AGRICULTURAL AND APPLIED ECONOMICS</li> <li>BIOLOGICAL ENGINEERING</li> <li>COMPUTER SCIENCE</li> <li>ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES</li> <li>LACIS</li> <li>REHABILITATION PSYCHOLOGY AND SPECIAL EDUCATION</li> <li>SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AND PUBLIC HEALTH</li> <li>STATISTICAL DEMOGRAPHY</li> </ul>	The Neale Silva scholarship is intended specifically for Chilean citizens who would like to attend UW-Madison for up to two years at the undergraduate or graduate level. The scholarship was created by Professor Eduardo Neale Silva.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CHILE</li> </ul>
<b><u>HELEN FIRSTBROOK-FRANKLIN FELLOWSHIP</u></b>	<b>1</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>LACIS</li> </ul>	The Helen Firstbrook Franklin Scholarship Program (HFFS) supports top entering graduate students to focus their studies in our field during their first academic year at UW-Madison.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PERU</li> </ul>

# OTHER GRANTS:

TYPE OF GRANT	NUMBER AWARDED	DETAILS
<p><b><u>FACULTY TRAVEL GRANTS</u></b></p>	<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>Departments Represented:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Curriculum &amp; Instruction</li> <li>• Chican@ and Latin@ Studies</li> <li>• Geography</li> <li>• Spanish and Portuguese</li> <li>• English</li> </ul>
<p><b><u>NAVE VISITING SCHOLAR &amp; ARTIST GRANTS</u></b></p>	<p><b>9</b></p>	<p><b>Visits Supported:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Marie-Celie Agnant, Haitian-born writer</li> <li>2. Ch'umilkaj Adelina Curruchiche Nicho, documentary filmmaker and Mayan singer-songwriter</li> <li>3. Dr. Dirceu Marroquim, Universidade Federal de Pernambuco, Brazil</li> <li>4. Genaro Vasquez Vasquez, PhD candidate, Metropolitan Autonomous University, Mexico</li> <li>5. Mayan activists Bernardo Caamal Itzá and Inaytah Victoria Caamal Sabido</li> <li>6. Juan Carlos Dávila, documentary filmmaker</li> <li>7. Alejandro Loayza Grisi, filmmaker</li> <li>8. Dr. Gioconda Coello, Universidad de las Artes, filmmaker Ecuador</li> <li>9. Dr. Rocío Zambrana, University of Puerto Rico</li> </ol>
<p><b><u>TINKER VISITING PROFESSORSHIPS</u></b></p>	<p><b>3</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Jesus Arroyave</b>, Visiting Professor of Journalism, Universidad del Norte, Colombia</li> <li>• <b>Javier Couso Salas</b>, Visiting Professor of Law, Department of Public Law, University of Utrecht, Netherlands</li> <li>• <b>Luis Gandin</b>, Visiting Professor Education, Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil</li> </ul>
<p><b><u>GEEO GROUP, INC. EDUCATOR GRANTS</u></b></p>	<p><b>3</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>BOLIVIA:</b> Lindsay LaRose, 9th grade teacher, Western Hills University High School, Cincinnati, OH</li> <li>• <b>SPAIN:</b> Kris Poncek, ECE-5 grade mental health service provider, Isabella Bird Community School, Denver, CO</li> <li>• <b>SPAIN:</b> Lexa Speth, high school social studies teacher, New Glarus High School, New Glarus, WI</li> </ul>

# LACIS ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

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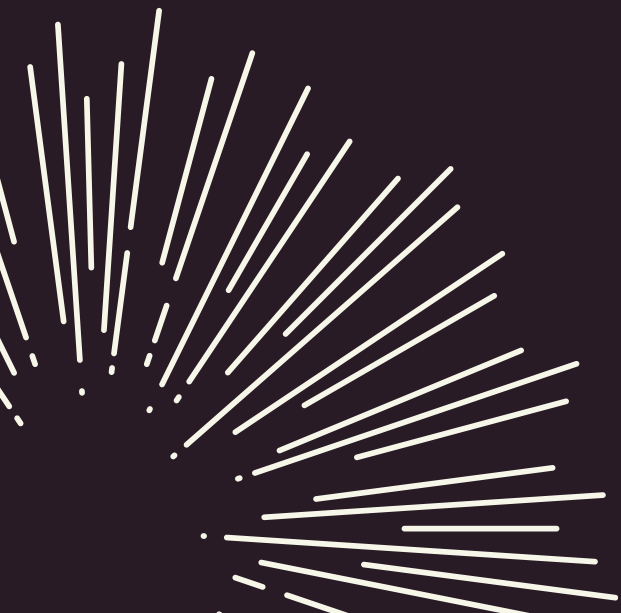
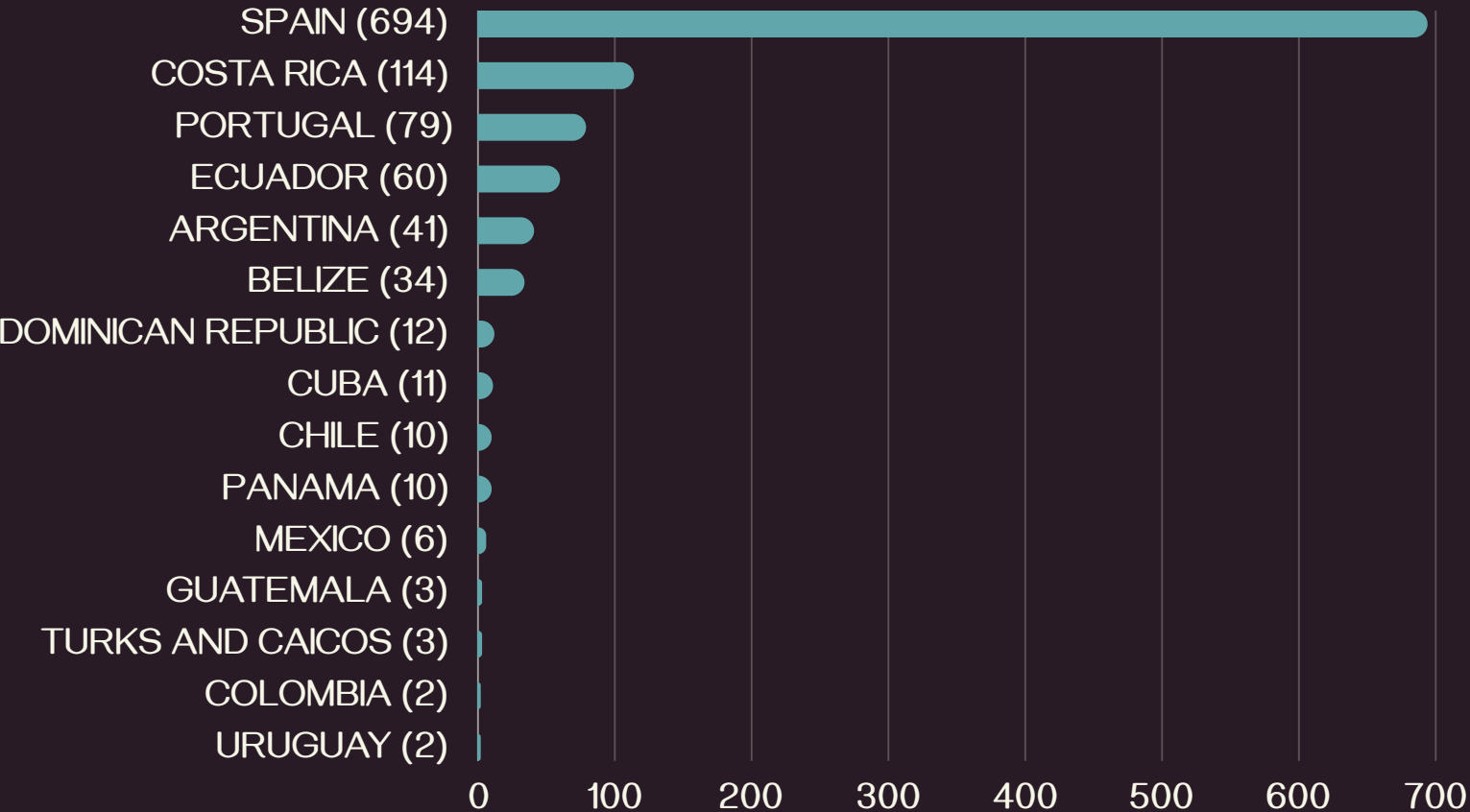
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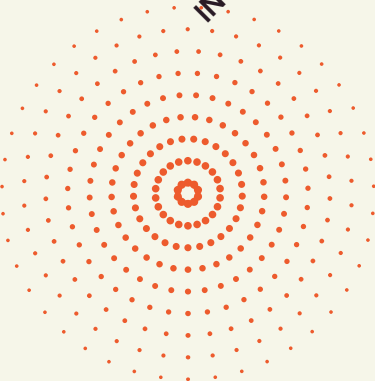
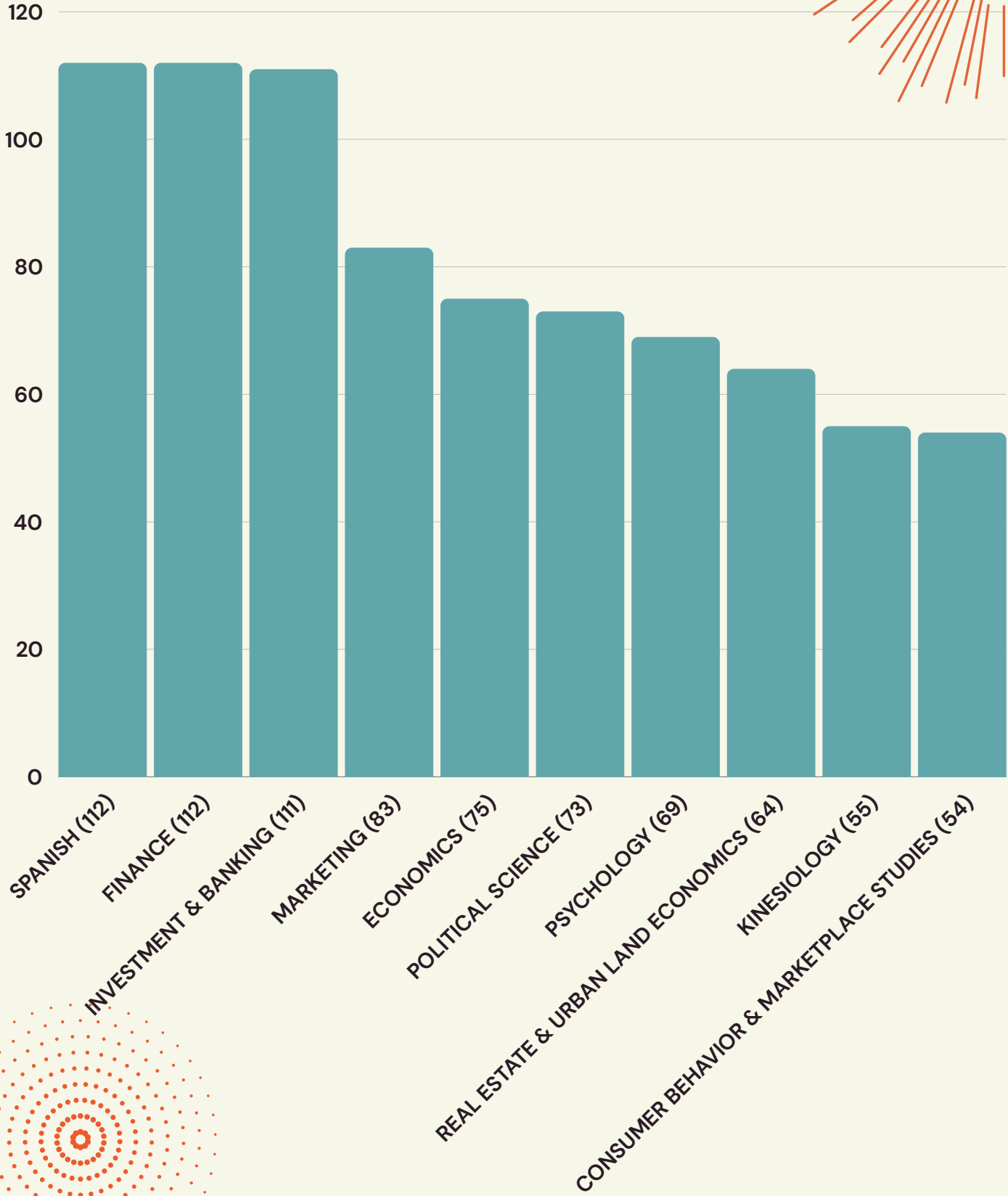
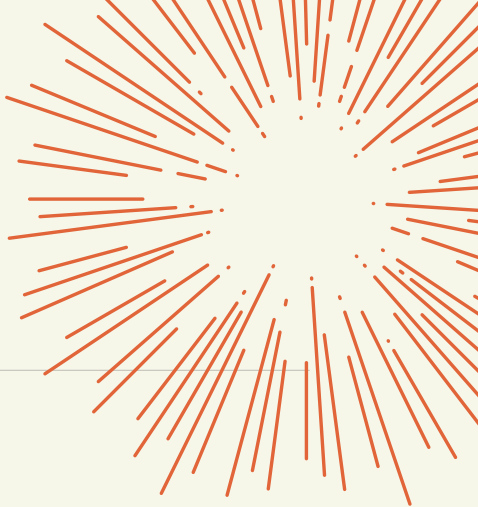
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# Study Abroad in the LACIS Region by Country



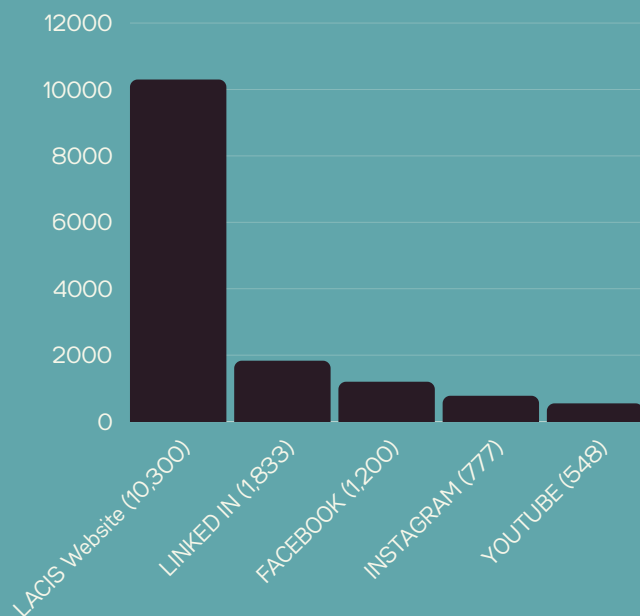
# STUDY ABROAD IN LACIS REGION: *TOP TEN MAJORS*



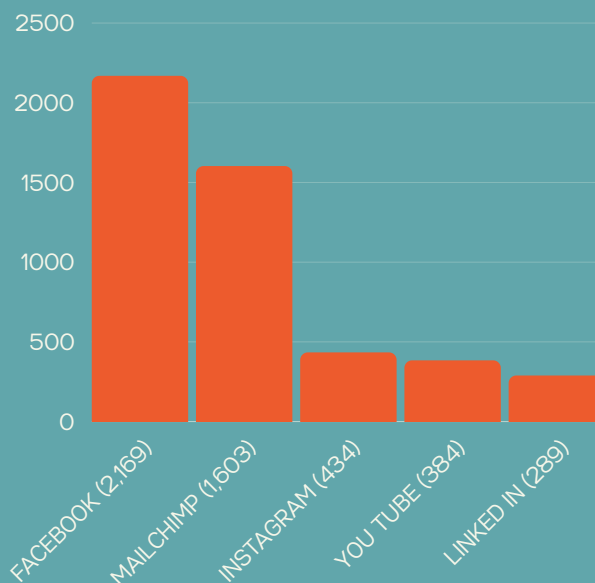


# LACIS SOCIAL MEDIA ANALYTICS:

Unique Views/Clicks by Social Media Platform:



Number of Followers or Subscribers by Social Media Platform:



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**WE'D LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE WHO  
HAS SUPPORTED OUR PROGRAM OVER  
THE PAST YEAR.**



## What's Next?

We have fantastic [Tuesday Lunchtime Lectures](#), K-14 outreach events, film screenings, and other events planned for the 2024-2025 year. We hope to see you at one of our in-person or virtual events this coming year!

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### LACIS Staff:

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