

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/#policiesandrequirements>), in addition to the program requirements listed below.

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

MODE OF INSTRUCTION

Face to Face	Evening/ Weekend	Online	Hybrid	Accelerated
Yes	No	No	No	No

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

Requirement Detail

Minimum Credit Requirement	30 credits
Minimum Residence Credit Requirement	18 credits
Minimum Graduate Coursework Requirement	15 credits must be graduate-level coursework. Details can be found in the Graduate School's Minimum Graduate Coursework (50%) policy (https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244).

Overall Graduate GPA Requirement	3.00 GPA required. This program follows the Graduate School's policy: https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1203 (https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1203/).
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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/GEORG/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.**