

# Certificate Requirements

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- LACS608 Course (Perspectives on Latin America and the Caribbean) 3-Credits, or an equivalent theory course with strong Latin American and/or Caribbean content (ask the LACS advisor for information on a comparable course to replace it).
  - LACS609 Course (Colloquium) a 3 credit course to be taken 1 credit per semester for 3 consecutive semesters (3-Credits)
  - LACS688 Course (Experiential Learning in Latin American and Caribbean Studies) 3-Credits
  - or
  - LACS689 Course (Research Praxis in Latin American and Caribbean Studies) 3-Credits
  - One elective 3-credit course (students can choose any graduate course with a significant focus on Latin America and/or the Caribbean with approval by the LACS Director)
  - \*A list of elective courses are provided each semester (including courses like: LACS 648 Special Topics).
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# LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN STUDIES CENTER

## Graduate Certificate Program



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## WHO IS THIS DESIGNED FOR? GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

The program is open to any UMD doctoral or master's student interested in Latin American and Caribbean studies. It focuses on the diverse cultures, histories, and literature of the region. The 12-credit curriculum includes nine credits of core courses: a three-credit Perspectives on Latin America and the Caribbean course (or substitute), a one-credit colloquium taken across three semesters, and a three-credit, self-guided praxis course. Additionally, students must take a three-credit elective focused on Latin America, the Caribbean, or the Latinx Diaspora, which can be chosen from any UMD department.

# WHY LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN STUDIES?

## CULTURE

Latin America and the Caribbean are vibrant and culturally rich regions, offering a wide scope of interdisciplinary interests.



## INNOVATIVE

Students are primarily interested in the region or individual countries, incorporating practical and theoretical thinking to a wide range of topics.



## QUALITY

You get the flexibility to personalize your course study, while strengthening employment possibilities by adding expertise in Latin America and Caribe to your credentials.



## BEYOND THE CERTIFICATE

The program is intended to serve both students who wish to pursue an academic career in Latin American and Caribbean studies and students who wish to pursue a non-academic career in the private, not-for-profit, or government sectors.

Students will be able to appreciate, theorize, and compare the diverse histories and societies of Latin America and the Caribbean in their political, cultural, and identity dimensions as they emerged from distinct pre-colonial, colonial, and postcolonial histories as well as be able to consider contemporary realities.