Latin American and Caribbean Studies (Collaborative Program)

This section presents the requirements for programs in:

- M.A. Anthropology with Collaborative Specialization in Latin American and Caribbean Studies
- M.A. Communication with Collaborative Specialization in Latin American and Caribbean Studies
- M.A. Geography with Collaborative Specialization in Latin American and Caribbean Studies
- M.A. History with Collaborative Specialization in Latin American and Caribbean Studies
- M.A. International Affairs with Collaborative Specialization in Latin American and Caribbean Studies
- M.A. Migration and Diaspora Studies with Collaborative Specialization in Latin American and Caribbean Studies
- M.A. Political Economy with Collaborative Specialization in Latin American and Caribbean Studies
- M.A. Political Science with Specialization in Latin American and Caribbean Studies
- M.A. Sociology with Collaborative Specialization in Latin American and Caribbean Studies
- M.A. Women’s and Gender Studies with Collaborative Specialization in Latin American and Caribbean Studies

Program Requirements

M.A. Anthropology with Collaborative Specialization in Latin American and Caribbean Studies (5.0 credits)

Requirements - Thesis pathway:
1. 0.5 credit in:
   - LACS 5000 [0.5] Interdisciplinary Approaches to Latin American and Caribbean Studies
2. 0.0 credit in:
   - LACS 5800 [0.0] Scholarly Preparation in Latin American and Caribbean Studies
3. 1.0 credit in:
   - ANTH 5401 [0.5] Theories and Methods I
   - ANTH 5402 [0.5] Theories and Methods II
4. 2.5 credits in electives, including 1.0 credit in course(s) designated as having sufficient Latin American and Caribbean Studies content, approved by both the Graduate Supervisor and the Coordinator of Latin American and Caribbean Studies
5. 2.0 credits in:
   - ANTH 5909 [2.0] M.A. Thesis (on an approved topic with significant content related to Latin American and Caribbean Studies)

Total Credits 5.0

Requirements - Research essay pathway:
1. 0.5 credit in:
   - LACS 5000 [0.5] Interdisciplinary Approaches to Latin American and Caribbean Studies
2. 0.0 credit in:
   - LACS 5800 [0.0] Scholarly Preparation in Latin American and Caribbean Studies
3. 1.0 credit in:
   - ANTH 5401 [0.5] Theories and Methods I
   - ANTH 5402 [0.5] Theories and Methods II
4. 2.5 credits in electives, including 1.0 credit in course(s) designated as having sufficient Latin American and Caribbean Studies content, approved by both the Graduate Supervisor and the Coordinator of Latin American and Caribbean Studies
5. 1.0 credit in:
   - ANTH 5908 [1.0] M.A. Research Essay (on an approved topic with significant content related to Latin American and Caribbean Studies)

Total Credits 5.0

Requirements - Coursework pathway:
1. 0.5 credit in:
   - LACS 5000 [0.5] Interdisciplinary Approaches to Latin American and Caribbean Studies
2. 0.0 credit in:
   - LACS 5800 [0.0] Scholarly Preparation in Latin American and Caribbean Studies
3. 1.0 credit in:
   - ANTH 5401 [0.5] Theories and Methods I
   - ANTH 5402 [0.5] Theories and Methods II
4. 0.5 credit from:
   - ANTH 5109 [0.5] Ethnography, Gender and Globalization
   - ANTH 5202 [0.5] The Anthropology of Underdevelopment
   - ANTH 5208 [0.5] Anthropology of Indigeneity
   - ANTH 5210 [0.5] Special Topics in Indigenous Studies
   - ANTH 5355 [0.5] Anthropology of Natural Resources
   - ANTH 5560 [0.5] Economic Anthropology
   - ANTH 5570 [0.5] Political Anthropology
   - ANTH 5809 [0.5] Selected Topics in the Anthropology of Development and Underdevelopment

5. 3.0 credits in electives including 1.0 credit in course(s) designated as having sufficient Latin American and Caribbean Studies content, approved by both the Graduate Supervisor and the Coordinator of Latin American and Caribbean Studies.

Total Credits 5.0
M.A. Communication
with Collaborative Specialization in Latin American and Caribbean Studies (5.0 credits)

Requirements - Research essay pathway (5.0 credits)

1. 0.5 credit in:
   LACS 5000 [0.5] Interdisciplinary Approaches to Latin American and Caribbean Studies

2. 0.0 credit in:
   LACS 5800 [0.0] Scholarly Preparation in Latin American and Caribbean Studies

3. 1.0 credit in:
   COMS 5101 [1.0] Foundations of Communication Studies

4. 0.5 credit in:
   COMS 5605 [0.5] Approaches to Communication Research

5. 1.0 credit in:
   COMS 5908 [1.0] Research Essay (in the specialization)

6. 2.0 credits from the list of optional courses

Total Credits 5.0

Requirements - Thesis pathway (5.0 credits)

1. 0.5 credit in:
   LACS 5000 [0.5] Interdisciplinary Approaches to Latin American and Caribbean Studies

2. 0.0 credit in:
   LACS 5800 [0.0] Scholarly Preparation in Latin American and Caribbean Studies

3. 1.0 credit in:
   COMS 5101 [1.0] Foundations of Communication Studies

4. 0.5 credit in:
   COMS 5605 [0.5] Approaches to Communication Research

5. 2.0 credits in:
   GEOG 5909 [2.0] M.A. Thesis (in the specialization)

6. In addition to the formal requirements, MA students are required to attend the Departmental Seminar series, and the Graduate Field Camp.

Total Credits 5.0

M.A. History
with Collaborative Specialization in Latin American and Caribbean Studies (4.5 credits)

Requirements - Research Essay pathway (4.5 credits)

1. 0.5 credit in:
   LACS 5000 [0.5] Interdisciplinary Approaches to Latin American and Caribbean Studies

2. 0.0 credit in:
   LACS 5800 [0.0] Scholarly Preparation in Latin American and Caribbean Studies

3. 0.5 credit in:
   HIST 5003 [0.5] Historical Theory and Method

4. 1.0 credit in HIST at the graduate level at Carleton

5. 1.0 credit in a graduate seminar with sufficient Latin American and Caribbean Studies content, including at least 0.5 credit in a History course. With departmental permission, up to 0.5 credit of courses with Latin American and Caribbean Studies content may be taken from another unit at Carleton University, at the University of Ottawa, or at another credited institution.

6. 0.5 credit in:
   HIST 5900 [0.5] Directed Research

7. 1.0 credit in:
   HIST 5908 [1.0] M.A. Research Essay (in the specialization)

Total Credits 4.5

Requirements - Thesis pathway (4.5 credits)

1. 0.5 credit in:
   LACS 5000 [0.5] Interdisciplinary Approaches to Latin American and Caribbean Studies

2. 0.0 credit in:
   LACS 5800 [0.0] Scholarly Preparation in Latin American and Caribbean Studies

3. 0.5 credit in:
   HIST 5003 [0.5] Historical Theory and Method

4. 1.0 credit in HIST at the graduate level at Carleton

5. 1.0 credit in graduate seminars with sufficient Latin American and Caribbean Studies content, including at least 0.5 credit in a History course. With departmental permission, up to 0.5 credit of courses with Latin American and Caribbean Studies content may be taken from another unit at Carleton University, at the University of Ottawa, or at another credited institution.

6. 2.0 credits in:
   HIST 5909 [2.0] M.A. Thesis (in the specialization)

Total Credits 4.5

M.A. Geography
with Collaborative Specialization in Latin American and Caribbean Studies (5.0 credits)

Requirements - Thesis pathway (5.0 credits)

1. 0.5 credit in:
   LACS 5000 [0.5] Interdisciplinary Approaches to Latin American and Caribbean Studies

2. 0.0 credit in:
   LACS 5800 [0.0] Scholarly Preparation in Latin American and Caribbean Studies

3. 1.0 credit in:
   GEOG 5000 [0.5] Approaches to Geographical Inquiry
   GEOG 5905 [0.5] Masters Research Workshop

4. 2.5 credits in:
   GEOG 5909 [2.5] M.A. Thesis (in the specialization)

Total Credits 5.0

Requirements - Research Essay pathway (4.5 credits)

1. 0.5 credit in:
   LACS 5000 [0.5] Interdisciplinary Approaches to Latin American and Caribbean Studies

2. 0.0 credit in:
   LACS 5800 [0.0] Scholarly Preparation in Latin American and Caribbean Studies

3. 0.5 credit in:
   GEOG 5000 [0.5] Approaches to Geographical Inquiry
   GEOG 5905 [0.5] Masters Research Workshop

4. 1.0 credit in:
   GEOG 5908 [1.0] Research Essay (in the specialization)

5. 2.0 credits from the list of optional courses

Total Credits 4.5

In addition to the formal requirements, MA students are required to attend the Departmental Seminar series, and the Graduate Field Camp.
M.A. International Affairs
with Collaborative Specialization in Latin American and Caribbean Studies (5.0 credits)

Requirements - Thesis pathway (5.0 credits)

1. **0.5 credit in:**
   - **LACS 5000 [0.5]** Interdisciplinary Approaches to Latin American and Caribbean Studies

2. **0.0 credit in:**
   - **LACS 5800 [0.0]** Scholarly Preparation in Latin American and Caribbean Studies

3. **1.5 credits in:**
   - **INAF 5015 [0.5]** Research Design and Methods for International Affairs
   - **INAF 5016 [0.5]** Statistical Analysis for International Affairs
   - **INAF 5017 [0.25]** International Policymaking in Canada: Structure and Process
   - **INAF 5018 [0.25]** Law and International Affairs

4. **0.5 credit in ECON, successfully completed by the end of the second term, from:**
   - **INAF 5009 [0.5]** International Aspects of Economic Development
   - **INAF 5205 [0.5]** Economics of Conflict
   - **INAF 5214 [0.5]** Economics for Defence and Security
   - **INAF 5308 [0.5]** International Trade: Theory and Policy
   - **INAF 5309 [0.5]** International Finance: Theory and Policy
   - **INAF 5600 [0.5]** The Economics of Human Development

5. **2.0 credits in:**
   - **INAF 5909 [2.0]** M.A. Thesis (M.A. Thesis on an approved topic with significant content related to Latin American and Caribbean Studies, and under the supervision or co-supervision of a faculty member approved by the Graduate Supervisor of the LACS program.)

6. **1.5 credits in:** Field and Elective courses (See Note 2, below)

7. Successful completion of second language proficiency examination (See Note 3, below)

Total Credits 5.0

Requirements - Research Essay pathway (5.0 credits)

1. **0.5 credit in:**
   - **LACS 5000 [0.5]** Interdisciplinary Approaches to Latin American and Caribbean Studies

2. **0.0 credit in:**
   - **LACS 5800 [0.0]** Scholarly Preparation in Latin American and Caribbean Studies

3. **1.0 credit in:**
   - **INAF 5016 [0.5]** Statistical Analysis for International Affairs
   - **INAF 5017 [0.25]** International Policymaking in Canada: Structure and Process
   - **INAF 5018 [0.25]** Law and International Affairs

4. **1.0 credit in:**
   - **INAF 5908 [1.0]** Research Essay (on an approved topic with significant content related to Latin American and Caribbean Studies, and under the supervision or co-supervision of a faculty member approved by the Graduate Supervisor of the LACS program.)

6. **1.5 credits in:** Field and Elective courses (See Note 2, below)

7. Successful completion of second language proficiency examination (see Note 3, below)

Total Credits 5.0

Requirements - Coursework pathway (5.0 credits)

1. **0.5 credit in:**
   - **LACS 5000 [0.5]** Interdisciplinary Approaches to Latin American and Caribbean Studies

2. **0.0 credit in:**
   - **LACS 5800 [0.0]** Scholarly Preparation in Latin American and Caribbean Studies

3. **1.0 credit in:**
   - **INAF 5016 [0.5]** Statistical Analysis for International Affairs
   - **INAF 5017 [0.25]** International Policymaking in Canada: Structure and Process
   - **INAF 5018 [0.25]** Law and International Affairs

4. **0.5 credit in economics, successfully completed by the end of the second term, from:**
   - **INAF 5009 [0.5]** International Aspects of Economic Development
   - **INAF 5205 [0.5]** Economics of Conflict
   - **INAF 5214 [0.5]** Economics for Defence and Security
   - **INAF 5308 [0.5]** International Trade: Theory and Policy
   - **INAF 5309 [0.5]** International Finance: Theory and Policy
   - **INAF 5600 [0.5]** The Economics of Human Development

Total Credits 5.0
5. 1.0 credit in courses accepted by the Latin American and Caribbean Studies Program Graduate Coordinator as having sufficient regional content and accepted by the NPSIA M.A. Program Supervisor or Associate Director as being relevant to the student’s program of study.

6. 2.0 credits in Field and Elective courses (See Note 2, below)

7. Successful completion of second language proficiency examination (see Note 3, below)

Total Credits 5.0

Notes:

1. All students must complete the 0.5 credit economics course for their designated field, or an approved alternate economics course. For students in the IEP field both INAF 5308 and INAF 5309, or approved equivalent, must be completed.

2. For elective courses, 1.5 credits of the total required 5.0 credits may be selected from courses offered in other departments, with a maximum of 1.0 credit from a single department and a maximum of 1.0 credit selected from fourth year undergraduate courses. Any course not identified as an INAF 5000-level course must be approved by the M.A. Program Supervisor.

3. Students must successfully complete an examination in second language proficiency administered by Carleton University’s School of Linguistics and Language Studies, or meet the equivalent standard as determined by the School of Linguistics and Language Studies. There is an administrative fee for the standard test (which leads to a certificate of language proficiency after successful completion). Details of the language requirement are provided on the School website.

M.A. Migration and Diaspora Studies with Collaborative Specialization in Latin American and Caribbean Studies (5.0 credits)

Requirements - Thesis Pathway:

1. 0.5 credit in:

   - LACS 5000 [0.5] Interdisciplinary Approaches to Latin American and Caribbean Studies

2. 0.0 credit in:

   - LACS 5800 [0.0] Scholarly Preparation in Latin American and Caribbean Studies

3. 1.0 credit in:

   - MGDS 5001 [0.5] MA Core Seminar: Migration and Diaspora Studies
   - MGDS 5003 [0.5] Research Seminar in Migration and Diaspora Studies

4. 0.5 credit in MGDS at the 5000 level. May not include MGDS 5101.

5. 2.0 credits from Migration and Diaspora Studies electives (see below). Up to 1.0 credit in Migration and Diaspora Studies practicum placements (MGDS 5101) may count toward this requirement.

6. 1.0 credit in:

   - MGDS 5908 [1.0] Research Essay (in the specialization)

Total Credits 5.0

Requirements - Research Essay Pathway:

1. 0.5 credit in:

   - LACS 5000 [0.5] Interdisciplinary Approaches to Latin American and Caribbean Studies

2. 0.0 credit in:

   - LACS 5800 [0.0] Scholarly Preparation in Latin American and Caribbean Studies

3. 1.0 credit in:

   - MGDS 5001 [0.5] MA Core Seminar: Migration and Diaspora Studies
   - MGDS 5003 [0.5] Research Seminar in Migration and Diaspora Studies

4. 0.5 credit in MGDS at the 5000 level. May not include MGDS 5101.

5. 2.0 credits from Migration and Diaspora Studies electives (see below). Up to 1.0 credit in Migration and Diaspora Studies practicum placements (MGDS 5101) may count toward this requirement.

6. 1.0 credits in course(s) designated as having sufficient Latin American and Caribbean Studies content, approved by both the Graduate Supervisor and the Coordinator of Latin American and Caribbean Studies.

Total Credits 5.0

M.A. Political Economy with Collaborative Specialization in Latin American and Caribbean Studies (5.0 credits)

Requirements - Thesis pathway (5.0 credits)

1. 0.5 credit in:

   - LACS 5000 [0.5] Interdisciplinary Approaches to Latin American and Caribbean Studies

2. 0.0 credit in:

   - LACS 5800 [0.0] Scholarly Preparation in Latin American and Caribbean Studies

3. 1.0 credit in:

   - PECO 5000 [0.5] Theories of Political Economy

Total Credits 5.0
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**Total Credits** 5.0

**Requirements - Research essay pathway (5.0 credits)**
1. 0.5 credit in:
   - LACS 5000 [0.5] Interdisciplinary Approaches to Latin American and Caribbean Studies
2. 0.0 credit in:
   - LACS 5800 [0.0] Scholarly Preparation in Latin American and Caribbean Studies
3. 1.0 credit in:
   - PECO 5000 [0.5] Theories of Political Economy
   - PECO 5001 [0.5] Methodologies of Political Economy
4. 1.0 credit in:
   - PECO 5908 [1.0] Research Essay (in the specialization)
5. 2.5 credits in approved graduate level electives (see Selection of Courses, below)  

**Total Credits** 5.0

1 Up to one (1.0) credit may be taken at the 4000 (honours undergraduate) level.

### M.A. Political Science with Specialization in Latin American and Caribbean Studies (5.0 credits)

**Requirements - Thesis pathway (5.0 credits)**
1. 0.5 credit in:
   - LACS 5000 [0.5] Interdisciplinary Approaches to Latin American and Caribbean Studies
2. 0.0 credit in:
   - LACS 5800 [0.0] Scholarly Preparation in Latin American and Caribbean Studies
3. 1.0 credit in:
   - PECO 5000 [0.5] Theories of Political Economy
   - PECO 5001 [0.5] Methodologies of Political Economy
4. 1.0 credit in:
   - PECO 5908 [1.0] Research Essay (in the specialization)
5. 2.5 credits in approved graduate level electives (see Selection of Courses, below)  

**Total Credits** 5.0

### M.A. Sociology with Collaborative Specialization in Latin American and Caribbean Studies (5.0 credits)

**Requirements - Thesis pathway:**
1. 0.5 credit in:
   - LACS 5000 [0.5] Interdisciplinary Approaches to Latin American and Caribbean Studies
2. 0.0 credit in:
   - LACS 5800 [0.0] Scholarly Preparation in Latin American and Caribbean Studies
3. 1.0 credit in:
   - SOCI 5005 [0.5] Recurring Debates in Social Thought
   - SOCI 5809 [0.5] The Logic of the Research Process
4. 1.5 credits in:
   - M.A. Thesis (on an approved topic with significant content related to Latin American and Caribbean Studies)
5. 2.0 credits in:
   - SOCI 5909 [2.0] M.A. Thesis (on an approved topic with significant content related to Latin American and Caribbean Studies)

**Total Credits** 5.0

**Requirements - Research Essay pathway:**
1. 0.5 credit in:
   - LACS 5000 [0.5] Interdisciplinary Approaches to Latin American and Caribbean Studies
2. 0.0 credit in:
   - LACS 5800 [0.0] Scholarly Preparation in Latin American and Caribbean Studies
3. 1.0 credit in:
   - SOCI 5005 [0.5] Recurring Debates in Social Thought
   - SOCI 5809 [0.5] The Logic of the Research Process
4. 2.5 credits in:
   - M.A. Research Essay (on an approved topic with significant content related to Latin American and Caribbean Studies)
5. 1.0 credit in:
   - SOCI 5908 [1.0] M.A. Research Essay (on an approved topic with significant content related to Latin American and Caribbean Studies)

**Total Credits** 5.0

**Requirements - Coursework pathway:**
1. 0.5 credit in:
   - LACS 5000 [0.5] Interdisciplinary Approaches to Latin American and Caribbean Studies
2. 0.0 credit in:
   - LACS 5800 [0.0] Scholarly Preparation in Latin American and Caribbean Studies
3. 1.0 credit in:
   - M.A. Thesis (on an approved topic with significant content related to Latin American and Caribbean Studies)
4. 1.0 credit in:
   - M.A. Thesis (in the specialization)
5. 2.5 credits in:
   - M.A. Research Essay (in the specialization)

**Total Credits** 5.0
2. 0.0 credit in:
   LACS 5800 [0.0] Scholarly Preparation in Latin American and Caribbean Studies

3. 1.0 credit in:
   SOCI 5005 [0.5] Recurring Debates in Social Thought
   SOCI 5809 [0.5] The Logic of the Research Process

4. 0.5 credit from:
   ANTH 5109 [0.5] Ethnography, Gender and Globalization
   SOCI 5407 [0.5] Race, Ethnicity and Class in Contemporary Societies
   SOCI 5409 [0.5] The Politics of Social Movements and the State

5. 3.0 credits in approved electives, including 1.0 credit in course(s) designated as having sufficient Latin American and Caribbean Studies content, approved by both the Graduate Supervisor and the Coordinator of Latin American and Caribbean Studies

Total Credits 5.0

M.A. Women's and Gender Studies with Collaborative Specialization in Latin American and Caribbean Studies (5.0 credits)

Requirements - Thesis pathway (5.0 credits)

1. 0.5 credit in:
   LACS 5000 [0.5] Interdisciplinary Approaches to Latin American and Caribbean Studies

2. 0.0 credit in:
   LACS 5800 [0.0] Scholarly Preparation in Latin American and Caribbean Studies

3. 0.5 credit in:
   WGST 5900 [0.5] Program Seminar

4. 1.0 credit in:
   WGST 5906 [0.5] Feminist Theory
   WGST 5907 [0.5] Researching Women's and Gender Issues

5. 1.0 credit in courses designated as having sufficient Latin American and Caribbean Studies content, approved by both the Women's and Gender Studies Supervisor and the Latin American and Caribbean Studies Coordinator

6. 2.0 credits in:
   WGST 5909 [2.0] M.A. Thesis (in the specialization)

Total Credits 5.0

Requirements - Research essay pathway (5.0 credits)

1. 0.5 credit in:
   LACS 5000 [0.5] Interdisciplinary Approaches to Latin American and Caribbean Studies

2. 0.0 credit in:
   LACS 5800 [0.0] Scholarly Preparation in Latin American and Caribbean Studies

3. 0.5 credit in:
   WGST 5900 [0.5] Program Seminar

4. 1.0 credit in:
   WGST 5906 [0.5] Feminist Theory

5. 0.5 credit in:
   WGST 5907 [0.5] Researching Women's and Gender Issues

6. 1.0 credit in available elective courses

7. 1.0 credit in:
   WGST 5908 [1.0] Research Essay (in the specialization)

Total Credits 5.0

Regulations

See the General Regulations section of this Calendar and the regulations of the participating unit.

Admission

Admission to the collaborative master’s program in Latin American and Caribbean Studies is available to master’s students who are admitted in one of the participating master’s programs. To apply to one of the participating master’s programs, please visit the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Affairs Admissions page.

Latin American and Caribbean Studies (LACS) Courses

LACS 5000 [0.5 credit]
Interdisciplinary Approaches to Latin American and Caribbean Studies
An interdisciplinary overview of social and political thought in Latin America and the Caribbean.

LACS 5800 [0.0 credit]
Scholarly Preparation in Latin American and Caribbean Studies
Scholarly preparation in Latin American and Caribbean Studies by requiring participation in public talks and methodology workshops.