LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN STUDIES CERTIFICATE

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The interdisciplinary certificate program in Latin American and Caribbean Studies is open to University of Maryland, College Park, undergraduates in any major who are interested in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Interested students should contact our Director or Program Manager by email or phone (lacs@umd.edu, 301-405-9626). Please also visit our web page at http://lacs.umd.edu.

REQUIREMENTS

The undergraduate certificate in Latin American and Caribbean Studies will be awarded to students who have completed 21 credits with a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or better in the following areas:

Course	Title	Credits
Core Curriculum for All Certificate Students		
LACS234	Issues in Latin American and Caribbean Studies I	3
or SPAN/PORT234	Issues in Latin American and Caribbean Studies I	
LACS235	Issues in Latin American and Caribbean Studies II	3
or SPAN/PORT235	Issues in Latin American and Caribbean Studies II	
Select one of the following:		3
LACS/HIST250	History of Colonial Latin America	
LACS/HIST251	Latin America Since Independence	
LACS/SPAN458	Senior Capstone Course in Latin American and Caribbean Studies	3
Additional Courses in Latin American Studies		
Nine credits of additional courses must be chosen from an approved list and from at least two different departments [1]		9
Foreign Language Competency [2]		
Total Credits		**21**

1. At least six credits must be at the 3xx- or 4xx-level. See Latin American and Caribbean Studies advisor for details.
2. In addition to English, certificate students must demonstrate competence in one of the other languages of the Americas: indigenous languages, a creolized language such as Haitian Creole, colonial languages -Spanish, Portuguese, French - or other language considered by the program administration to be relevant to study of Latin America and the Caribbean. Other languages may be used to fulfill this goal with the permission of the LACS undergraduate advisor. Competency may be proven with a grade of "C+" or better in an intermediate-level course or higher. Native speakers of a language of Latin America and the Caribbean, or students with extensive experience in these languages, should consult with the Latin American Studies advisor to demonstrate competence through a placement exam.

An overall GPA of 2.0 in the certificate is required for graduation.