

# LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN STUDIES CERTIFICATE

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

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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.

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## 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
<b>Core Curriculum for All Certificate Students</b>		
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
<b>Additional Courses in Latin American Studies</b>		
Nine credits of additional courses must be chosen from an approved list and from at least two different departments <sup>1</sup>		9
<b>Foreign Language Competency <sup>2</sup></b>		
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>21</b>

<sup>1</sup> At least six credits must be at the 3xx- or 4xx-level. See Latin American and Caribbean Studies advisor for details.

<sup>2</sup> All certificate students must demonstrate their competence in a language spoken in Latin America or the Caribbean. Competence may be proven with a grade of "C+" or above in an intermediate-level language course or higher. Fluent speakers of Spanish or Portuguese, or students with extensive experience, should consult with the Latin American and Caribbean Studies advisor for procedures to demonstrate their language competence.