

# LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN STUDIES MINOR

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The interdisciplinary minor 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/or the Caribbean. The minor will help prepare students for careers related to Latin America and the Caribbean.

## REQUIREMENTS

The undergraduate minor in Latin American and Caribbean Studies will be awarded to students who have completed 15 credits with a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or better in the following areas:

Course	Title	Credits
LACS/SPAN234 or LACS/ SPAN235	Issues in Latin American and Caribbean Studies I Issues in Latin American and Caribbean Studies II	3
HIST/LACS250 or HIST251	History of Colonial Latin America Latin America Since Independence	3
LACS486	Internship in Latin American/Caribbean Studies	3
ELECTIVE	Two 300 or 400 level elective courses <sup>1</sup>	6
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>15</b>

<sup>1</sup> Elective courses will contain at least 75% Latin American-related content and will be from two different departments.

## Additional Requirement

In addition to English, 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.