CENTER FOR LATIN-AMERICAN STUDIES

Founded in 1930, the Center for Latin American Studies aims to advance knowledge about Latin America and the Caribbean and to enhance the scope and quality of Latin American studies at the University of Florida.

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The center:
• offers interdisciplinary academic programs in Latin American studies;
• conducts outreach activities that enrich the intellectual and cultural lives of UF students, faculty and staff, and the local community (e.g., Annual Conference, Colloquium, Latino Film Series, Latin Americanist newsletter, educational K-12 outreach services); and
• cooperates with other university units in overseas study, research and training programs.

Most of these programs are open to undergraduates.

The center has a director and 20 core faculty members with expertise in the humanities, social sciences and natural sciences. In addition, the center draws on the expertise of more than 160 distinguished faculty affiliates from colleges and professional schools across campus. These faculty teach more than 375 undergraduate and graduate courses available to undergraduates in Latin American and Caribbean studies.

Academic Programs

The Center for Latin American Studies offers a minor (http://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/colleges-schools/UGLAS/LAM_UMN) and a certificate (http://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/colleges-schools/UGLAS/LAS_UCT08) for undergraduates who are interested in Latin America and/or the Caribbean and who intend to pursue graduate studies or a career in Latin American or Caribbean-related business, government service or teaching. An interdisciplinary studies (IDS) major in Latin American studies is available through the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

The minor requires 15 credits of courses outside the student’s department major’s courses, and it will appear on the student’s transcript. The certificate in LAS is awarded by the center to acknowledge a Latin American or Caribbean-area concentration within the student’s major and general course of study. All coursework on Latin America and related fields, including several courses in the student’s major and/or minor may count toward the certificate, and a student can receive both a minor and a certificate in Latin American Studies.

For further information on study abroad opportunities, contact Study Abroad Services at the UF International Center.