



MASTER OF ARTS LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES

Housed in one of the top-ranked centers in the world, the Master of Art in Latin American Studies (MALAS) program at the University of Florida develops a deep understanding of Latin America, Latinx, and the Caribbean from an interdisciplinary perspective.

Building on two gateway seminars, MALAS students integrate courses from the humanities, social and natural sciences, and professional schools to develop individual programs of study. The MALAS degree consists of 30 credit hours and typically takes 3-4 semesters to complete. The Center also offers a joint MALAS/JD degree option in collaboration with the UF Levin College of Law.

Graduates of the program are employed in educational and research institutions, international organizations, government agencies, and private businesses across the Americas; many continue studies in Ph.D. programs.

APPLY TO THE MALAS PROGRAM

APPLICATION DEADLINE

December 1, 2023
for Fall 2024 semester

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The MALAS degree consists of 30 credit hours:

- **Two 3-credit gateway seminars:**
 1. LAS 6293 | Design and Methods of Research in Latin American Studies
 2. LAS 6220 | Issues and Perspectives in Latin American Studies
- **12 credit hours** of an interdisciplinary specialization
- **3 credit hours** of an internship or a capstone project (LAS 6949), or of thesis research (LAS 6971)
- Remaining credits are fulfilled with **graduate courses of interest**, including language courses, or **up to 3 additional credits** of an **internship/capstone or thesis research**

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The Center also offers a BA/MALAS combined degree



MALAS SPECIALIZATIONS

- Andean Studies
- Arts, Literature and Culture
- Brazilian Studies
- Caribbean Studies
- Crime, Law, and Governance in the Americas
- Development Studies and Economic Analysis
- Education in the Americas
- Indigenous Studies
- International Communications
- Latin American Business Environment
- Latin American Politics
- Latinx Studies, Migration & Transnational Studies
- Race, Diaspora, Gender and Sexuality
- Tropical Conservation and Development

LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

Students must demonstrate advanced reading, writing and speaking proficiency in Spanish or Portuguese, or intermediate proficiency in Haitian Creole or another Creole or Indigenous language of the region, either through coursework or an oral proficiency exam.

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