

# LATIN AMERICAN, CARIBBEAN, AND IBERIAN STUDIES, MA

## REQUIREMENTS

### MINIMUM GRADUATE SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

Review the Graduate School minimum degree requirements (<https://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/#requirementstext>) and policies (<https://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/#policiestext>), in addition to the program requirements listed below.

### MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

#### MODE OF INSTRUCTION

Face to Face	Evening/ Weekend	Online	Hybrid	Accelerated
Yes	No	No	No	No

#### Mode of Instruction Definitions

**Accelerated:** Accelerated programs are offered at a fast pace that condenses the time to completion. Students typically take enough credits aimed at completing the program in a year or two.

**Evening/Weekend:** Courses meet on the UW–Madison campus only in evenings and/or on weekends to accommodate typical business schedules. Students have the advantages of face-to-face courses with the flexibility to keep work and other life commitments.

**Face-to-Face:** Courses typically meet during weekdays on the UW–Madison Campus.

**Hybrid:** These programs combine face-to-face and online learning formats. Contact the program for more specific information.

**Online:** These programs are offered 100% online. Some programs may require an on-campus orientation or residency experience, but the courses will be facilitated in an online format.

### CURRICULAR REQUIREMENTS

#### Requirement Detail

Minimum Credit Requirement	30 credits
Minimum Residence Credit Requirement	18 credits
Minimum Graduate Coursework Requirement	15 credits must be graduate-level coursework. Refer to the Graduate School: Minimum Graduate Coursework (50%) Requirement policy: <a href="https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244">https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244</a> ( <a href="https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244/">https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244/</a> ).

Overall Graduate GPA Requirement	3.00 GPA required. Refer to the Graduate School: Grade Point Average (GPA) Requirement policy: <a href="https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1203">https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1203</a> ( <a href="https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1203/">https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1203/</a> ).
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Other Grade Requirements n/a

**Assessments and Examinations** Students must write and defend a paper or optional master's thesis to a three-person committee consisting of the faculty advisor, Latin American, Caribbean, and Iberian Studies director or associate director and one more relevant faculty member.

**Language Requirements** Candidates must obtain certification of basic proficiency in Spanish or Portuguese or offer proof of proficiency.

### REQUIRED COURSES

Completion of the degree requires 30 credits of courses with Latin American, Caribbean and Iberian language and area content. At least 50% of course credit must be in courses numbered 700 or above, or that have the graduate attribute. Students choose among Latin American, Caribbean, and Iberian Studies' core areas in consultation with the Program Associate Director and their faculty advisor.

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Core Courses</b>		
	Core area courses numbered 300 or above decided in consultation with the Program Associate Director and faculty advisor	12
<b>Complementary Area Coursework</b>		
	Courses numbered 300 or above, or Foreign Language and Area studies approved language courses decided in consultation with the Program Associate Director and faculty advisor	12
<i>Pertinent Research Methods</i>		
	At least 3 credits of complementary coursework in a pertinent research methods course are required.	
<i>Graduate Seminars</i>		
	At least two seminars (6 credits total) must be included in the complementary coursework, including the following course.	
LACIS/A A E/ ANTHRO/ C&E SOC/ GEOG/HISTORY/ POLI SCI/ PORTUG/SOC/ SPANISH 982	Interdepartmental Seminar in the Latin-American Area	
<b>Additional Coursework</b>		
	The remaining credits will be completed through additional coursework. Thesis credits may satisfy additional coursework (see below for more information).	6
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>30</b>

#### Thesis Credits

Thesis credits may satisfy requirements for additional coursework. **A limit of 6 credits of LACIS 698 Directed Study or LACIS 699 Directed Study can fulfill Latin American, Caribbean, and Iberian Studies coursework.**