

LACUSL Advising

Schedule an appointment to:

- learn more about the LACUSL program
- see how many credits you may have towards LACUSL and declare the major
- design a Plan of Study that fits your interests
- learn about the Latin American and Caribbean Studies (LACS) Certificate and the Latinx Studies Certificate
- discuss internships, study abroad, graduate school, careers and post-graduate opportunities



Latin American, Caribbean, and U.S. Latinx Studies

LACUSL Bachelor of Arts Degree Program

The Latin American, Caribbean, and U.S. Latinx Studies Program (LACUSL) is unique among undergraduate programs offered nationally. LACUSL integrates the study of the region with that of communities within the U.S. The curriculum is designed to ensure that students acquire foundational knowledge of the histories and cultures of the region; develop analytical and critical thinking skills; think comparatively about diverse cultures; and gain insight from a variety of disciplines.

Another degree option is the Accelerated BA/MA Degree in LACUSL (BA) and Translation (MA) for students with advanced Spanish or French skills. Detailed information can be found on the LACUSL webpage.

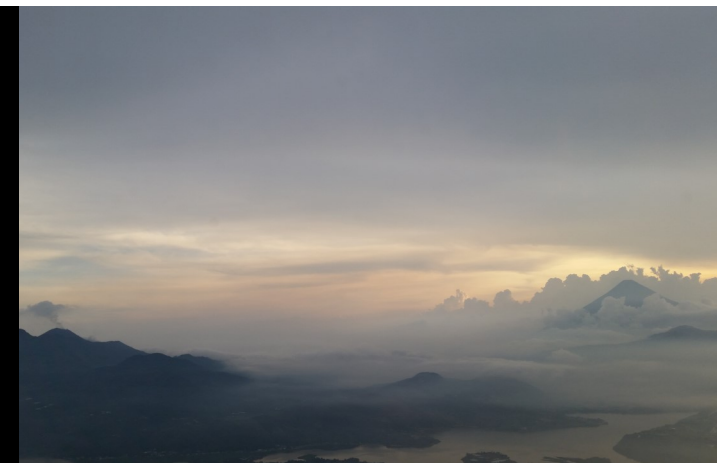


Alapinta mural in San Cosme, Argentina Tour 2012

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Mural in Cancún, Mexico (top); aerial view of Guatemala (bottom)
 (alida cardós whaley, 2015)

Why LACUSL?

The Latin American and Caribbean region is incredibly diverse, with many languages, cultures and histories, built upon Indigenous, African, and European roots, and influenced by migrations from other areas of the world, including Asia and the Middle East. Within the U.S., Latinxs are the fastest-growing population; although some individuals are recent arrivals, many count back family generations living within the area before it was even U.S. territory.

The LACUSL major serves students who will be working within the U.S. or internationally in health services, education, agriculture, the non-profit sector, trade, and government agencies.

"I really enjoyed my LACUSL/LACS experiences. It was great to be able to combine Spanish with learning more about the cultures and histories of the region. Being a graduate of the programs led me to my current job at the University!" (Aimee Orndorf, class of 2017)

Major Requirements

- ◆ 33 cr, of which 15 must be taken at the 300-level and above in residence at UWM. Of those 15 cr, 9 cr must represent three distinct curricular areas. No more than 18 cr of coursework in a singular curricular area.
- ◆ Minimum 2.0 GPA in all UWM course work and in all major credits
- ◆ **9 cr Core Courses:**
 - * 3 cr LACS 101: Introduction to Latin American and Caribbean Studies
 - * 3 cr Latinx 101: Introduction to Latinx Studies
 - * 3 cr Research Requirement
- ◆ **24 cr Elective Courses** chosen from an approved list
- ◆ Completion of e-portfolio



Is LACUSL right for me?

Alapinta mural, www.alapinta.cl/

LACUSL is an ideal major or second major for students who want to develop a deeper understanding of the cultures of the Americas and their impact on a range of global issues. Coursework spans several departments, including history, sociology, the arts, political science, anthropology, languages and literature. Thus, the successful student will have an interest in examining Latin American/Latinx perspectives through the lens of many different subject areas.

Students choose LACUSL for a broad array of reasons: because they want to research and study the impact of globalization, the increasing importance of Latin American countries as political and economic players on the global stage, the growing influence of the Latinx population in the U.S., and the increasing number of issues in which both the U.S. and Latin America are stakeholders.

LACUSL COURSE OPTIONS INCLUDE:

African and African Diaspora Studies 320 -
Black Cultures in Latin America and the Caribbean

Political Science 325 -
Latin American Politics

History 436 - Immigrant America Since 1880

Spanish 388 -
Health Issues in the Hispanic World

Theatre 324 -
Theatre in the Americas: Latin American, Caribbean, & Latina/o Theatre

(and over 100 additional course offerings)

Beyond the Classroom

With LACUSL there are abundant opportunities to take your learning beyond the classroom. You can study abroad, participate in an internship for UWM credit, or volunteer. Check out our new LACUSL Internships page on our webpage for local opportunities.

UWM offers semester-long and short-course study abroad opportunities in Latin America and the Caribbean. Visit the Center for International Education (CIE) office or webpage for details.