



LATIN AMERICAN, CARIBBEAN, AND IBERIAN STUDIES

OVERVIEW

Since its founding in 1965, the Latin American, Caribbean, and Iberian Studies Program (LACIS) at UW-Madison has been a prestigious **Title VI National Resource Center**, offering a variety of academic undergraduate and graduate programs. Located within the Institute for Regional and International Studies—a unit of the International Division—their interdisciplinary approach extends beyond the classroom. They provide K-12 outreach, local community collaboration, fellowship opportunities, and more. Fostering a diverse and academically strong environment, LACIS students can also learn Spanish, Portuguese, Yucatec Maya, and Ecuadorian Quichua.

ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITIES

Examples of course offerings:

✱ **LACIS 376:**
Yucatec Maya

✱ **LACIS 361:**
Quechua

✱ **LACIS 440:**
Current Issues in
Latin America

✱ **LACIS 982:**
Graduate Seminar
in Latin America

Majors & minors

BA/BS *This multidisciplinary program provides students with the knowledge to understand the social and cultural processes that occur in Latin America, the Caribbean, Spain, and Portugal.*

MA *This interdisciplinary graduate program guides students to focus on specific problems of Latin American reality and offers opportunities for a solid foundation in the history and dynamics of the region.*

PhD minor *This minor is offered to candidates obtaining a Ph.D. in other departments by taking a minimum of 12 credits in graduate courses related to Latin America, the Caribbean, Spain, or Portugal.*

Dual degree *This dual degree program established by the Law School and LACIS allows students to complete a J.D. and an M.A. in a minimum of seven semesters.*

FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS

LACIS offers a wide range of fellowships and grants, including but not limited to:

Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowships: FLAS fellowships are funded by the U.S. Department of Education and administered by the UW's National Resource Centers to assist students in acquiring foreign language and either area or international studies competencies.

Tinker Visitor Professorship: Tinker professors are highly distinguished scholars who are citizens of Latin America, the Spanish-speaking Caribbean, Spain, Portugal, or Canada.

Neal Silva Scholarship: This scholarship is intended specifically for Chilean citizens who would like to attend UW-Madison for up to two years at the undergraduate or graduate level.

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International Division
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

32+

FLAS fellowships per grant cycle

55+

years in operation

100+

affiliated LACIS faculty

OUTREACH ACTIVITIES



Local: *Going beyond the classroom, LACIS cultivates environmental exploration for all ages. They offer a variety of K-12 educator workshops every year and support a vibrant research community through their weekly Tuesday Lunchtime Lectures. These sessions provide a platform for affiliated faculty to learn from visiting scholars, collaborate, and showcase their research.*



Statewide: *LACIS works with the College of Menominee Nation and UW-Milwaukee to increase connections with the Global Indigenous Movement, host workshops, and share research and practices via seminars. They also provide funding to NatureNet, an initiative of the Aldo Leopold Nature Center, in producing free "Nature Passports" for children and families. Available in English and Spanish, these passports encourage outdoor exploration by encouraging participants to visit natural spaces in the area.*



International: *LACIS collaborates through a network of university partnerships, including the Universidad de Guadalajara (Mexico) and Universidad de La Salle (Mexico), as well as the many university connections they cultivate through the long-standing Tinker visiting professorships and other faculty collaborations. Several faculty members from the Universidad de Guadalajara have visited UW-Madison to collaborate in research and education. At Universidad de La Salle, UW-Madison graduate student Francisca Nuñez, recipient of the Neale Silva Fellowship, spent a week at the Comarca Minera Geoparque to share resources and review research and outreach projects.*

SIGNATURE EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

- ▶ Weekly lecture series
- ▶ Less commonly taught languages (Portuguese, Quichua, and Yucatec Maya)
- ▶ Summer field grants for graduate students
- ▶ Annual film series with the Cinematheque
- ▶ Summer Teacher Institute
- ▶ Internships and study abroad through International Academic Programs
- ▶ Tinker visiting professors
- ▶ K-14 outreach and community



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