

Course requirements

The minimum number of units required to earn dual master's degrees in Latin American Studies and Journalism is 51 (18 from LAS, 18 from Journalism, and 15 units that are shared between the two disciplines, including the master's thesis). The table below shows the required courses.

Curriculum for Dual Master's Degrees in Latin American Studies and Journalism

Department	Course	Units
Latin American Studies 18 Units	LAS 500-Introduction to Latin American Studies	3
	LAS 596A-Research Seminar	3
	Primary area of concentration (Select 1 from LAS primary areas) Recommended areas include Anthropology, Geography and Regional Development, History, Political Science, Brazil Studies, and Mexico Studies.	12
LAS and Journalism Shared Courses 15 Units	Thesis (3 units from LAS 910, 3 units from JOUR 910)	6
	Research Methods (Select 1 course from LAS or JOUR classes)	3
	US Media Coverage of Latin America, or Internship with Latin American news medium (Select 1 course from LAS or JOUR classes)	3
	JOUR 504-Freedom of Expression (International press policies, regulations, and law)	3
Journalism 18 Units	JOUR 505-The Study of News	3
	JOUR 511-Feature Writing	3
	JOUR 513-Reporting Public Affairs	3
	JOUR 539-Ethics and the News Media	3
	Media Management (Select 1 course from group)	3
	Elective (Select 1 course from group)	3
TOTAL UNITS: 51		51

Admission to the Dual Degree Program

Students must apply to and be accepted by both the Center for Latin American Studies and the Department of Journalism to qualify for the dual degree program. An interdepartmental committee from the two units will review and make a recommendation about any student who has been accepted by both departments and has indicated that he or she wishes to earn dual degrees.

Students entering the dual-degree program without a bachelor's degree in journalism or significant professional experience must take three journalism courses before they can take any graduate-level skills classes. The courses are JOUR 205-Reporting the News, JOUR 206-Advanced Reporting, and JOUR 208-Law of the Press. No graduate credit is given for these courses, and students must earn a grade of B or better before they can enroll in graduate skills classes. Students may take other graduate courses, such as seminars and language courses, concurrently with the 200-level classes.

Transfer Credit

A request to transfer must be submitted to the Graduate College, in consultation with the Graduate Advisors of both departments, by the end of the first year. Many of these transfer units may be applicable to requirements in either degree program, or may count toward the additional units required of the student.

Language Requirements

Because of the interdisciplinary nature and regional emphasis of the Latin American Studies program, both Spanish and Portuguese skills are required; one at the level of competence demonstrated by completing Portuguese 305A or Spanish 251 with a minimum grade of B or by an equivalency exam; the other at the level of proficiency demonstrated by the completion of Portuguese 325 or Spanish 330 with a minimum grade of B or by an equivalency exam. Students accepted into the program who do not meet one or both of the language requirements may satisfy this deficiency during the course of their graduate studies. An indigenous language of Latin America may be substituted with the approval of the LAS Graduate Advisor.

Students in the journalism program are expected to write and speak fluent English.

Thesis

By the end of the second semester of enrollment, students must assemble a thesis committee of at least three faculty members, one of whom serves as the thesis advisor. The advisor and at least one other committee member must be a tenured or tenure-track faculty member in Latin American Studies, and at least one must be a faculty member in the Department of Journalism. The committee must be approved by the Graduate Advisor in each department.

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Students also should familiarize themselves with the conditions and regulations of the Graduate College at http://grad.Arizona.edu/About_UAGC.