

Latin American and Caribbean Studies (LACS) Specialisation Pathway

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LACS Coursework Option

Year One Fall	Required INAF 5016 [0.5] Statistical Analysis for International Affairs INAF 5017 [0.25] Policy Process and International Affairs INAF 5018 [0.25] Law and International Affairs Other Requirements INAF Course or other dept [0.5] accepted for LACS Specialisation <i>[or INAF Course of Students Choosing]</i> <i>Language requirement completed as early as possible</i> <i>NB: Students need to complete the above 1.5 credits to be eligible to apply for coop for summer.</i>	1.5 credits
Year One Winter	Required INAF Economics Course [0.5] LACS 5000 [0.5] Interdisciplinary Approaches to LACS Other Requirements INAF Course or other dept [0.5] accepted for LACS specialisation <i>NB: Students cannot enroll in their mandatory economics course without completing their economics prerequisite in advance of this term.</i>	1.5 credits
Year One Spring/ Summer	<i>Potential COOP</i> <i>Potential INAF Courses of Students Choosing [0.5]</i>	Remaining 2.0 credits
Year Two Fall	<i>Potential COOP</i> Required LACS 5800 [0.0 credits] Scholarly Preparation in LACS <i>Potential INAF Courses of Students Choosing [0.5]</i>	
Year Two Winter	Required LACS 5800 [0.0 credits] Scholarly Preparation in LACS Other Requirements	
Year Two Spring/ Summer	<i>Coop provides students with additional term to complete program.</i> INAF Courses of Student's Choosing - Field or Elective	
TOTAL		5.0 credits

LACS Research Essay Option

Year One Fall	<p>Required INAF 5016 [0.5] Statistical Analysis for International Affairs INAF 5017 [0.25] Policy Process and International Affairs INAF 5018 [0.25] Law and International Affairs</p> <p>Other Requirements INAF Courses of Student's Choosing - Field or Elective [0.5]</p> <p><i>Language requirement completed as early as possible</i></p> <p><i>NB: Students need to complete the above 1.5 credits to be eligible to apply for coop for summer.</i></p>	1.5 credits
Year One Winter	<p>Required INAF Economics Course [0.5] LACS 5000 [0.5] Interdisciplinary Approaches to LACS INAF 5015 Research Methods [0.5]</p> <p><i>NB: Students cannot enroll in their mandatory economics course without completing their economics prerequisite in advance of this term.</i></p>	1.5 credits
Year One Spring/ Summer	<p><i>Potential COOP</i> INAF Courses of Students Choosing - Field or Elective [0.5]</p>	Remaining 2.0 credits
Year Two Fall	<p><i>Potential COOP</i> INAF Courses of Students Choosing - Field or Elective [0.5]</p> <p>Required LACS 5800 [0.0 credits] Scholarly Preparation in LACS</p> <p>Other Requirements INAF 5908 MRE [1.0] MRE must reflect research relevant to LACS specialisation Continuous registration in INAF 5908 until MRE is completed</p>	
Year Two Winter	<p>Required LACS 5800 [0.0 credits] Scholarly Preparation in LACS INAF 5908 MRE [1.0] MRE must reflect research relevant to LACS specialisation</p> <p>Other Requirements INAF Course of Student's Choosing - Field or Elective</p>	
Year Two Spring/ Summer	<p><i>Coop provides students with additional term to complete program.</i> INAF Course of Student's Choosing - Field or Elective</p>	
TOTAL		5.0 credits

LACS Thesis Option

Year One Fall	Required INAF 5016 [0.5] Statistical Analysis for International Affairs INAF 5017 [0.25] Policy Process and International Affairs INAF 5018 [0.25] Law and International Affairs Other Requirements INAF Course of Student's Choosing - Field or Elective [0.5] <i>Language requirement completed as early as possible</i> <i>NB: Students need to complete the above 1.5 credits to be eligible to apply for coop for summer.</i>	1.5 credits
Year One Winter	Required INAF Economics Course [0.5] INAF 5015 Research Methods [0.5] Other Requirements INAF Courses of Student's Choosing - Field or Elective [0.5] <i>NB: Students cannot enroll in their mandatory economics course without completing their economics prerequisite in advance of this term.</i>	1.5 credits
Year One Spring/ Summer	<i>Potential COOP</i>	Remaining 2.0 credits
Year Two Fall	Required INAF 5909 Thesis [2.0] <i>Thesis must reflect research relevant to LACS specialisation</i> <i>Continuous registration in INAF 5909 until Thesis is completed</i>	
Year Two Winter	Required INAF 5909 Thesis [2.0] <i>Continuous registration in INAF 5909 until Thesis is completed</i>	
TOTAL		5.0 credits

NPSIA-LACS Programme Completion Checklist	Satisfied
Language Requirement	
INAF 5016 – Required Statistics Class [0.5 credit]	
INAF 5017 - Required Policy Class [0.25 credit]	
INAF 5018 - Required Law Class [0.25 credit]	
INAF Economics Requirement [0.5 credit] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IEP field requires 1.0 credits in economics 	
Minimum 3.5 INAF Course Credits (includes required courses)	
Field Designation (if student chooses) at least 1.5 credits in the chosen field	
For LACS Coursework Option: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LACS 5000 [0.5] Interdisciplinary Approaches to LACS • LACS 5800 [0.0 credits] Scholarly Preparation in LACS • 1.0 Credit in INAF or other courses accepted for LACS specialisation 	
For Non-NPSIA Courses – pre-authorization by Associate Director required: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All non-NPSIA courses must meet criteria – see FAQs • No more than 1.5 credits from courses from other departments • No more than 1.0 credit from a single department outside NPSIA 	
No lower than a B- grade in any course credited to their MA program. NB If students receive grades C+ or lower in two or more courses, they will be <i>withdrawn from the NPSIA program</i> .	
Full Time Students: Completion of degree requirements within two calendar years; each coop term extends this time limit by one term.	
Part Time Students: Completion of degree requirements within six calendar years (terms of non-registration are counted within this six-calendar year time frame). <i>Part time students must register for a minimum of one term in three and must successfully complete INAF 5016, INAF 5017, INAF 5018 and their economics course requirement within their first 2.5 program credits.</i>	
Credits add up to 5.0 credits	

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