

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	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 Courses 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] LACS 5000 [0.5] Interdisciplinary Approaches to LACS INAF 5015 Research Methods [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> INAF Courses of Students Choosing - Field or Elective [0.5]	Remaining 2.0 credits
Year Two Fall	<i>Potential COOP</i> <i>Potential INAF Courses of Students Choosing - Field or Elective [0.5]</i> Required LACS 5800 [0.0 credits] Scholarly Preparation in LACS Other Requirements INAF 5908 MRE [1.0] <i>MRE must reflect research relevant to LACS specialisation</i> <i>Continuous registration in INAF 5908 until MRE is completed</i>	
Year Two Winter	Required LACS 5800 [0.0 credits] Scholarly Preparation in LACS INAF 5908 MRE [1.0] <i>MRE must reflect research relevant to LACS specialisation</i> Other Requirements INAF Course of Student's Choosing - Field or Elective	
Year Two Spring/ Summer	<i>Coop provides students with additional term to complete program.</i> INAF Course of Student's Choosing - Field or Elective	
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]	
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: • 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: • 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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