
Area expertise and the ability to navigate many kinds of information are a powerful combination. That’s what you get in the dual Master of Library Science / Master of Arts in Latin American and Caribbean Studies.

The program prepares you for careers at academic and public libraries, universities, corporations, archives, digital collections, nonprofits, and governments. And it requires that you have reading proficiency in Spanish, Portuguese, or an indigenous language of Latin America and the Caribbean—another plus for your career.

You’ll also earn two degrees in fewer credit hours—and less time—than it would take to earn them separately.

IU’s Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies offers the M.A.

How to Apply

You must apply for admission to—and meet the admission requirements for—both programs. See our program’s information for domestic students and international students.

Requirements (Minimum of 51 Credit Hours)

M.L.S. Foundation Requirements (18 cr.)

MLS digital literacy requirement.

Complete one course from each of the foundation areas below.

Approach professional issues with understanding (3 cr.)
**Z510 Introduction to Information Studies:** Must be fulfilled before you complete 18 credit hours

Assist and educate users, and develop and manage collections of information resources (3 cr.)

- **Z501 User Services and Tools**
  
  Represent and organize information resources (3 cr.)

- **Z503 Representation and Organization**
  
  Manage and lead libraries and other information organizations (3 cr.)

- **Z551 Library Management**
- **Z552 Academic Library Management**
- **Z553 Public Library Management**
- **Z671 School Media**

Use research effectively (3 cr.)

- **Z505 Evaluation of Resources and Services**
- **Z506 Introduction to Research:** Z501 and Z502 are prerequisites.

Deploy information technologies in effective and innovative ways (3 cr.): Courses in this list that are also M.I.S. requirements can count for both requirements.

- **Z511 Database Design**
- **Z512 Information Systems Design**
- **Z516 Human Computer Interaction**
- **Z517 Web Programming**
- **Z532 Information Architecture for the Web**
- **Z534 Information Retrieval**
- **Z554 Library Systems**
- **Z556 Systems Analysis and Design**
- **Z634 Metadata**
- **Z636 Semantic Web**
- **Z637 Information Visualization**
- **Z652 Digital Libraries**
- **Z656 Information Technology Standardization**
- **Z661 Concepts and Contemporary Issues in Human-Computer Interaction**

**Additional M.L.S. Requirements (9 cr.)**

- **Z533 Online Searching** (3 cr.)
- **Z605 Internship in Library and Information Science** (3 cr., under the supervision of the Latin American bibliographer) or an equivalent experience
- **Z629 Topics in Information Sources and Services** (3 cr.). Topic: Latin American bibliography. Alternatively, you may elect to take an ILS advanced reference course (Z521, Z522, Z523, Z525, or Z526) and do a course project involving Latin American materials.

**M.L.S. Electives (3 cr.)**

Choose from information and library science courses.

**M.A. Requirements (21 cr.)**
The Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies provides information about the M.A. requirements.

Graduation
You will graduate after you finish both degrees—the degrees must be awarded simultaneously.

Tuition Rates
Different Indiana University schools charge different graduate tuition rates. For dual degrees, you will be coded in one of the two schools and pay that school’s tuition rate. To switch to the other school’s tuition rate, contact that department’s recorder as you near the halfway point in your program.

IU Resources and Professional Development
- Latin American and Caribbean studies collection at IU
- REFORMA: The National Association to Promote Library and Information Services to Latinos and the Spanish Speaking
- SALALM (Seminar on the Acquisition of Latin American Library Materials) Scholarship

Pre-Fall 2013 Requirements
If you began the M.L.S. / M.A. in Latin American and Caribbean Studies before fall 2013, you have different requirements. See the requirements »