Understanding issues of diversity is central to the curriculum and to the research endeavors of our internationally recognized faculty. Our students use interdisciplinary approaches to tackle some of the major problems of the twenty-first century Americas.

The Certificate of Graduate Study, Master of Art in Latin American, Caribbean and U.S. Latino Studies (LACS), and Spanish Ph.D. program with a concentration in LACS provide students with the analytical tools and conceptual frameworks to understand the causes and consequences of the forces that are redefining the region and hemisphere. LACS graduate students will:

“I can already say that LACS is preparing me by giving me the tools I need to pursue my vision of Latin American and Caribbean studies, including the diaspora.”

NARCISA NUÑEZ, LACS PH.D. STUDENT

CERTIFICATE IN LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN STUDIES

The Certificate of Graduate Studies (CGS) in Latin American and Caribbean Studies is a 12-credit program that will complement degree work for students in any of the Social Sciences or Humanities disciplines, Business, Criminal Justice, Education, Public Affairs and Policy, and Social Welfare, or who have research, service and/or teaching interests in Latin America and/or the Caribbean. Learn more at: www.albany.edu/lacs/graduatemaster.graduatecertificate.
“THE LACS DEPARTMENT IS UNIQUE FOR ITS MULTIDISCIPLINARY APPROACH TO RESEARCH AND HUMANITY IN GENERAL. ITS IDEAS ARE UNIVERSAL IN OUR PLURIVERSUM WORLD; ALTHOUGH OUR RESEARCH FOCUSES ON PEOPLE OF LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN DESCENT, OUR THEORIES AND CONCEPTS ARE APPLICABLE ALL OVER THE WORLD. MOREOVER, LACS IS UNIQUE BECAUSE IT NEVER STOPS TRYING TO HEAR THE UNHEARD; THAT IS, SOCIAL JUSTICE IS OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE.”

ANTHONY STRONACH, LACS PH.D. STUDENT

WHY LACS @UALBANY?

‣ ACCREDITATION: Earn your certificate and/or master’s degree from a regionally accredited institution.

‣ ALUMNI: Recent graduates currently hold positions as professors at colleges and universities across the country, school counselors. Enjoy careers in public policy, law and non-governmental organizations.

‣ COST: Save with tuition rates lower than those at most private universities; complete your degree more quickly with our efficient 30-credit curriculum.

‣ FACULTY: Learn from renowned professors who provide a well-rounded and critical understanding of these dynamic fields.

‣ PERSONAL ATTENTION: A small tight-knit community, rigorous interdisciplinary academic training and personal attention help students achieve their research and professional goals.

OUR STUDENTS CUSTOMIZE THEIR COURSEWORK

LACS students design their own specialization with the guidance of faculty advisors who are trained in political science, history, sociology, American studies, Latino studies, anthropology and cultural studies. Students pursue a wide range of interests that include a focus on:

- RACE
- ETHNICITY
- GENDER
- CULTURE
- TRANSNATIONALISM
- POLITICAL ECONOMY
- LANGUAGE
- MUSIC
- MIGRATION
- URBANISM
- CRIMINAL JUSTICE

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LACS FAST FACTS

30 CREDITS

COMPLETED IN TWO YEARS

in the classroom

2019-2020 Tuition (per credit):

IN STATE: $471 / OUT OF STATE: $963

CGS ADMISSIONS DEADLINE:

FALL: May 1
SPRING: November 1

MA ADMISSIONS DEADLINE:

FALL: August 1
SPRING: December 1

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The Graduate School at the University at Albany offers an online step-by-step guide to the application process. This resource provides detailed information for both domestic and international students, and includes forms, deadlines, requirements and fees.

www.albany.edu/graduate/apply

Student consumer information, including non-discriminatory policies, safety and security, Cleary Act, etc., can be found at http://www.albany.edu/irrtk