



Master of Arts in Latin American Studies/Juris Doctor Joint Degree Program

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The M.A. in Latin American Studies (MALAS)/J.D. joint degree program provides an opportunity for students to develop their area and topical expertise in Latin America in combination with the study of law. Candidates for the joint program must meet entrance requirements for and be admitted to both academic units. Students can earn both degrees in approximately one year less than if both degrees were earned separately because of reduced credit requirements.

MALAS/JD students fulfill the same degree requirements as regular MALAS students, but use 12 Law credit hours toward the 33 credit hours of classes for the MALAS program. The UF Levin College of Law accepts 12 MALAS credits as well. Overall, up to 24 credits may count towards the joint degree.

The thesis topic of MALAS/JD students should be on a topic relating to law and Latin America.

Law Courses that count towards the MALAS degree:

LAW 6250 Comparative Law
LAW 6260 International Law
LAW 6264 Immigration & Nationality
LAW 6930 Comparative Constitutional Law History

LAW 6930 Comparative Environmental Law in the Americas
LAW 6930 Conservation Clinic
LAW 6930 International Human Rights
LAW 6930 Latin American Legal Theory
LAW 6930 Law of NAFTA
LAW 693 Law & Policy in the Americas Seminar
LAW 6936 Human Rights: Women in the Americas
LAW 6936 International Business Transactions
LAW 6936 Trade and Human Rights in the Americas
LAW 6936 Trade, Labor and Environment
LAW 6936 U.S. Territorial Possessions

****Additional courses may count towards the MALAS degree. Consult with Richmond Brown.**

Latin American Studies Courses that count towards the JD degree:

REQUIRED

LAS 6938 Issues & Perspectives in Latin American Studies
LAS 6938 Design and Methods of Research in Latin America

SUGGESTED

CPO 6307 Latin American Politics
LAS 6295 Latin American Business Environment
LAS 6938/
POS 6933 Inter-American Relations

For a full list of courses offered through the MALAS program please visit: www.latam.ufl.edu/academic/

Each MALAS/JD student must choose a specialization within the MALAS program.

DISCIPLINARY SPECIALIZATIONS

Anthropology
Geography
History
Political Science
Romance Languages and Literatures

- Portuguese
- Spanish

Sociology

TOPICAL SPECIALIZATIONS

Andean Studies
Brazilian Studies
Caribbean Studies
Development Studies
Gender Studies
International Communication
Latin American Business Environment
Latino Studies
Religion and Society
Tropical Conservation and Development

Faculty

Ankersen, Thomas T.

Environmental law, water law, protection of biological diversity
(Central America)

Deere, Carmen Diana

Gender, property and land rights
(Comparative)

Fensom, Meredith

Rule of law and justice reform in the Americas
(Southern Cone, Andean Region)

Gordon, Michael

International business and trade law, international litigation, comparative law
(Mexico)

Hamann, Richard

Water law, environmental law, environmentally sensitive ecosystems
(Central America)

Hernández-Trujol, Berta

International human rights, issues of gender/race and Latinas/Latinos in the law
(General)

Flocks, Joan

Agricultural labor, child labor, community-based participatory research, immigrant groups in the Southeast U.S.
(Latino Studies)

Malavet, Pedro

Comparative law, critical race theory, LatCrit theory
(Puerto Rico, Latino Studies)

Margheritis, Ana

International political economy, regional governance structures
(General)

McCoy, Terry

Latin America business environment, regional trade issues
(General)

Mills, Jon

Florida constitutional law, environmental law, legislative drafting
(Brazil, Peru)

Perea, Juan

Comparative constitutional law, employment law, race and race relations, employment discrimination, immigration, Latinos in the United States
(General)

Powell, Stephen

International trade law, dispute settlement, trade and the environment
(General)

Wade, Jeff

Environmental Law
(Brazil)

Williams, Philip

Democratization, social movements, religion and migration
(Central America, Mexico, Peru)

Wood, Charles

Population and environment, demography, crime law and governance
(Brazil)