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

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

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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-Truyol, 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)