

# Education plan

for

**Master programme in Latin American Studies**  
**Masterprogram i latinamerikastudier**

**120.0 Higher Education**  
**Credits**  
**120.0 ECTS credits**

<b>Programme code:</b>	HLATO
<b>Valid from:</b>	Spring 2020
<b>Date of approval:</b>	2016-10-18
<b>Changed:</b>	2019-11-13
<b>Department:</b>	Department of Romance Studies and Classics

## Decision

The Education Plan was approved by the board of the Faculty of Humanities 2016-11-13.

## Prerequisites and special admittance requirements

Degree of Bachelor (including a degree project worth at least 15 credits) in Human Sciences. English B/English 6 or equivalent.

## Programme structure

The Master's program in Latin American Studies is an interdisciplinary program that provides in-depth knowledge of the region's economic, social, legal and political conditions from a perspective that emphasizes the importance of knowledge of the history, language and culture for understanding the social processes. The Program highlights the importance of seeing Latin America in a global perspective, and to understand the region based on its interaction with the rest of the world. In addition to the study of Latin America as a whole the opportunity will be given to focus on individual themes and geographical areas of the continent on the basis of their specific dynamics. Social and cultural theories are studied and applied on cases from region. The program includes four semesters of full-time study, and consists of compulsory and elective courses, including at least 75 credits within the main field of Latin American Studies. Required courses outside the main area are Scientific Methods and Research (7.5 credits) and Advanced Academic English (7.5 credits). The possibility exists for field work or studies abroad as the student can choose to take the optional courses during the third semester at another university.

On the fourth semester a thesis of 30 credits will be written in Latin American Studies.

All teaching and assessment exercises in Latin American Studies will be in English. Fluency in Spanish or Portuguese is recommended.

The program prepares students for work in international organizations, governance, aid work, business, research and development projects, as well as media and journalism, which requires in-depth knowledge of Latin America.

## Goals

### Degree of Master (120 credits)

#### Knowledge and understanding

The student shall

- demonstrate knowledge and understanding in the main field of study, including both broad knowledge of the field and a considerable degree of specialised knowledge in certain areas of the field as well as insight into current research and development work, and

- demonstrate specialised methodological knowledge in the main field of study.

### **Competence and skills**

The student shall

- demonstrate the ability to critically and systematically integrate knowledge and analyse, assess and deal with complex phenomena, issues and situations even with limited information
- demonstrate the ability to identify and formulate issues critically, autonomously and creatively as well as to plan and, using appropriate methods, undertake advanced tasks within predetermined time frames and so contribute to the formation of knowledge as well as the ability to evaluate this work
- demonstrate the ability in speech and writing both nationally and internationally to clearly report and discuss his or her conclusions and the knowledge and arguments on which they are based in dialogue with different audiences, and
- demonstrate the skills required for participation in research and development work or autonomous employment in some other qualified capacity.

### **Judgement and approach**

The student shall

- demonstrate the ability to make assessments in the main field of study informed by relevant disciplinary, social and ethical issues and also to demonstrate awareness of ethical aspects of research and development work
- demonstrate insight into the possibilities and limitations of research, its role in society and the responsibility of the individual for how it is used, and
- demonstrate the ability to identify the personal need for further knowledge and take responsibility for his or her ongoing learning.

### **Courses**

Study route and obligatory courses

Semester 1

Scientific method and Research ethics, 7,5 credits (main field of study: Philosophy)

Latin American social history, 7,5 credits (main field of study: Latin America Studies)

Latin American thinking: socio-economy, politics and culture: 7,5 credits (main field of study: Latin America Studies)

Geography, regions and people in Latin America: 7,5 hp 7,5 credits (main field of study: Latin America Studies)

Semester 2

During the first half of the semester (periods A and B) the following courses are taken in parallel:

- Gender and post-colonialism in Latin America, 7,5 credits (main field of study: Latin America Studies),
- Democratization in Latin America: Citizenship, institutions and rule of law, 7,5 credits (main field of study: Latin America Studies).

During the second half of the semester (semester sections C and D), two courses are also taken in parallel (one compulsory and one optional):

Compulsory course:

English for Academic Research, 7,5 credits, (main field of study: English)

Optional courses

The student chooses one of the following courses:

- Latin America in a Global World, 7,5 credits (main field of study: Latin America Studies), or
- Development and Sustainability in Latin America and the Caribbean, 7,5 credits (main field of study: Latin America Studies)

Semester 3

- Latin America Studies, Theory and method, 7,5 credits (main field of study: Latin America Studies)
- Courses for a total of 22,5 credits at Stockholm University, or another university within or outside Sweden, with a focus on Latin America or a relevant field within humanities, or Latin America-oriented internship (main area Latin American studies) in Sweden or abroad, for a total of 22,5 credits (15 weeks). The choice of other courses is made in consultation with and after approval by the director of studies for Latin American studies. The choice of internship is done in consultation with and after the approval of the person in charge of the internships.

Semester 4

Independent project, 30 credits,(main field of study: Latin America Studies).

For detailed entry requirements, please refer to the syllabus for each course. Other courses will be announced at [www.hum.su.se/kursutbud](http://www.hum.su.se/kursutbud) no later than 15 September/15 March. The volume of courses at the basic level is limited to a maximum of 30 credits.

**Degree**

The program leads to a Master of Arts in Latin America Studies.

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When the programme is discontinued, students have the right to complete their studies in accordance with this syllabus within an additional period of two years after the nominal duration of the programme. This is subject to the restrictions specified in the syllabi for the courses included in the programme; alternatively, equivalent training will be offered.