

# 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>	HLASO
<b>Valid from:</b>	Autumn 2010
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<b>Department:</b>	Department of Romance Studies and Classics

## Decision

The Education Plan was approved by the board of the Faculty of humanities: 2007-06-13.  
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## Prerequisites and special admittance requirements

BA in social sciences/humanities or the equivalent and a minimum of 60 ECTS credits of Latin American Studies or the equivalent. English B.

## Programme structure

Courses at the master's level are given on a full time basis and cover interdisciplinary scientific theory and method as well as give an orientation of the current social scientific research on Latin America. Where applicable, there is an opportunity of spending a semester at a Latin American university or doing field work / internship in Latin America. Alternatively, students may also elect to take courses of their choice at Swedish universities. The independent project provides opportunities for both thematic and regional specialization.

## Goals

Having completed the course the student is expected to be able to;

- Account for and critically examine the cutting edge of Latin American research and the different directions within Latin American Studies.
- analyze the connections between political, economic, social and juridical aspects of the social conditions and the changes in Latin America.
- Identify the characteristics of a Latin American Region, account for and analyze the interplay between region's geopolitical, economic and social processes and critically examine the ongoing debates and social issues of the region.
- Critically and systematically integrate knowledge and analyze, assess and deal with complex phenomena, issues and situations within the major field of study, and to show substantially deeper knowledge of certain parts of that field.
- On the basis of a deepened methodological awareness and a deepened insight into current research and development work, critically, independently and creatively identify and formulate issues and plan, using appropriate methods, carry out a qualified independent project within a specified time limit.
- Observe prevailing principles of research ethics

## Courses

The program consists of the following courses

1. Contemporary Research on Latin America, 15 HEC
2. Theory and Methodology, 7,5 HEC
3. Science and Research Ethics, 7,5 HEC
4. Regional Studies, 15 HEC
5. English for Academic Research, 7,5 HEC
6. Optional course, 7,5 HEC
7. Studies at a Latin American University/optional courses, 30 HEC and/or internship/field work.
8. Independent project, 30 HEC

**Misc**

**Employability**

The program is designed to prepare graduates for work that is connected with Latin America. e.g. administration, international organizations, development co-operation, media and journalism.