The MBA/Master of Arts in Latin American Studies dual degree combines advanced business studies with interdisciplinary area studies and language, responding to an increased need in both public and private sectors for business specialists with a thorough understanding of Latin American politics and cultures.

Students spend their first year in the program taking Latin American Studies courses. The second year is dedicated to graduate business core courses and approved electives. The final year of coursework is a combination from both departments.

**Note:** Some students, particularly those who enter the program with a language deficiency, may find it necessary to enroll for an additional semester or summer session to complete all requirements for the program.

**Degree Requirements**

Students must complete 77-80 credit hours in graduate business and Latin American Studies including:

- 23 hours of MBA core courses
- 24 hours of MBA elective courses
- 24 hours of LAS courses (includes a 15-hour major and 9-hour minor)
- 6 hours of Latin American Studies Master’s Thesis (LAS 698A and 698B), taken the last semester of study

OR

- 30 hours of LAS courses selected from three disciplines (no fewer than 6 hours may be taken in any one discipline)
- 3 hour of Latin American Studies Master’s Report (LAS 398R), taken the last semester of study

The dual-degree code for this program is **659000** and should be referenced when applying to the program. Please note that a minimum of two years of full-time work experience is required for admission to the MBA program.

**Language Requirements**

In the first semester of the program, students must demonstrate oral and written proficiency in Spanish or Portuguese at an "intermediate mid-level", equal to two years of coursework. Students may meet these requirements through passing a proficiency examination, through formal language study or certain other means specified by the Institute for Latin American Studies (ILAS). Amerindian languages may qualify for this requirement at the discretion of the ILAS graduate advisor. Students with no previous knowledge of Spanish or Portuguese should be advised that enrollment in intensive language courses during the summer prior to entering the dual degree program is desirable and recommended.

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