Master's in Latin American Studies

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Explore societal transformations in Latin America. Study them from a geographic, historical, economic, cultural, social, political and ecological perspective. Do fieldwork in Latin America and design your own project. This unique internationally oriented, multidisciplinary and research-driven programme will provide you with vital critical knowledge, academic skills and expand your understanding of the international academic literature and debates.

The curriculum of the programme is closely related to the research programme of the Centre for Latin American Research and Documentation (CEDLA), part of the Faculty of the Humanities of the University of Amsterdam (UvA), where lecturers conduct cutting-edge research into a broad range of countries in the region. Thanks to their research, expertise and contacts, they offer the students ample opportunities to connect with local institutions and scholars.
Career prospects

Latin American Studies provides a solid foundation for a career at research institutes, non-governmental and governmental organisations and civil societal agencies, for example, both within the Netherlands and abroad. In addition, it serves as a good starting point for a PhD position and the pursuit of an academic career. Several alumni have also started their own development project, established NGOs, worked as an independent consultant or founded their own business.

Gaya Nikolsky, student

'The CEDLA Master’s Programme is great for anyone who is interested in Latin America. The interdisciplinary staff is specialised in a wide range of research topics that make it possible to broaden your knowledge. Cedla feels like a family. It offers support to build your academic career and is a good place to study.'
Entry requirements

Latin American Studies is primarily intended for students with a Master’s degree in the social sciences and humanities. Students with another Master’s degree and talented students with a Bachelor's degree are asked to write a research proposal as part of their application. All applicants are required to show verifiable knowledge and experience in the field of Latin American studies, and must have sufficient knowledge of English and Spanish (Portuguese) upon admission in order to be able to study the required literature and conduct fieldwork.