About ANCLAS

The Australian National Centre for Latin American Studies (ANCLAS) exists to develop research and teaching in Latin American Studies, particularly in the fields of the social sciences and humanities, business and economics. ANCLAS aims to promote mutual interest and exchange between Australian and Latin American scholars and to raise broader public awareness and understanding of Latin America in Australia.

The Director of ANCLAS is Dr John Minns, the current holder of the Prime Minister’s Award for Australian University Teacher of the Year awarded by the Australian Learning and Teaching Council in 2010. Dr Minns studied Spanish and Latin American Studies at the University of New South Wales where his Honours thesis on Mexico was awarded the University Medal and he is a former Fulbright Scholar. He has taught and researched numerous aspects of Latin America for over 15 years and is regarded as an international expert for the region.

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The Bachelor of Latin American Studies is a new and exciting three year undergraduate program for students interested in contemporary Latin America and the region’s possibilities for cooperation. Tensions between the diverse traditions that have developed from its long and unique history and ancient heritage are also explored.

As the only Australian undergraduate program to focus on Latin America, the Bachelor of Latin American Studies degree program draws from the teaching and research excellence of the ANU Australian National Centre for Latin American Studies (ANCLAS) to offer students the opportunity to:

- broadly identify and differentiate the diverse social, political and economic systems that comprise contemporary Latin America
- identify and critique current political debates, and the international relations and interactions of Latin American countries with the rest of the world
- define the historical origins of contemporary Latin America, especially the interaction between the indigenous societies of the region and European societies
- evaluate theories of development and underdevelopment as they relate to the Latin American context.

Bachelor of Latin American Studies students will enhance their internationally relevant program by undertaking a minor in Spanish.

International Opportunities

Students of the Bachelor of Latin American Studies program will be required to spend a semester studying in Latin America and encouraged to explore numerous in-country exchange, internship and immersion programs with formal partners of the ANU including leading universities, government and non-government organisations in Latin America.

Financial, academic and welfare support* will be coordinated by the ANU.

* conditions will apply

Degree Program

A typical full-time Bachelor of Latin American Studies program will be:

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