

# General

## Program Name

Latin American Studies

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## Plan Code

LASBA

## Last Admit Term

Spring 2026

## Career

Undergraduate

## Terminal Degree

No

## Research Master's

No

## Professional Master's

No

## Stackable

No

## Associated Plans for Stacking

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## Accelerated Master's Program

No

## Associated Plans for AMP

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# Disestablishment Details

## Justification for Disestablishment

The Latin American Studies (LAS) BA degree will be discontinued to address concerns about the low number of majors. It will become a new emphasis entitled "Global Latin America" within the redesigned Global Studies BA to go into effect Fall 2026. (We anticipate that the redesigned Global Studies BA will be approved by Curricular Affairs in Spring 2026.) The new emphasis will ensure the vitality of LAS faculty and course offerings. The LAS minor will continue. Note: Since Summer 2024, Latin American Studies has been housed within the School of Global Studies.

## Teach Out Plan

Detailed plan how you will handle current students, if any

## Introduction:

The Latin American Studies (LAS) BA degree, which is now housed in the School of Global Studies, will be discontinued to address concerns about the low number of majors. It will become a new emphasis entitled "Global Latin America" within the redesigned Global Studies BA that will go into effect Fall

2026. The new emphasis will ensure the vitality of LAS faculty and course offerings. The LAS minor will continue.

#### Program Closure Timeline:

The last admit term for the major is Spring 2026. The redesigned Global Studies major will launch in Fall 2026. All current LAS majors will have the option to switch to the Global Studies major with a “Global Latin America” emphasis or complete their LAS major. The Latin American Studies BA degree will remain active so that students in the program can finish. After 8 years, Curricular Affairs will change the status of the BA to “inactive.”

#### Student Support:

Advisors have been notified of the disestablishment and will work with students on an individual basis during the transition. Global Studies academic advisor Megan Denney will send an Email to LAS majors in August 2026 to make them aware of the option to switch to a Global Studies major. She will meet with students to offer support. The LAS BA disestablishment should have no effect on student scholarships or financial aid.

Note: As of Spring 2026, there are 6 students in Latin American Studies major. All are main campus students.

#### Curriculum Transition:

Most LAS-prefix courses will continue to be offered. LAS 498 Senior Capstone, however, will not be offered after Spring 2026. Students who elect to switch to the Global Studies: Global Latin America emphasis and those who continue as LAS majors will take GLS 498 Senior Capstone. Advisors may substitute LAS 499 independent study for GLS 498 on a case-by-case basis for LAS majors. LAS 150B1 Modern Latin America: Race, Rights, and Revolutions (to be renamed “Global Latin America”) will be added to Global Studies Core II curriculum. All other LAS electives will either still be offered as part of the Global Studies: Global Latin America emphasis or advisors will find appropriate substitutions. A new course list for the Global Studies: Global Latin America emphasis was created as part of the Global Studies BA Substantial Change Request form submitted to Curricular Affairs in December 2025.

#### Faculty and Staff Transition:

LAS faculty will continue teaching courses in the Global Studies: Global Latin America emphasis and LAS minor. Some LAS faculty may create and teach new Global Studies Core II courses in the future. LAS faculty will also be incorporated into the teaching rotation for the following Global Studies courses: GLS 250 Dimensions of Globalization: States, Societies, and Institutions, GLS 251 Dimensions of Globalization: Language, Literature, and Culture, and GLS 498: Senior Capstone.

Some service responsibilities may shift. One LAS faculty member will continue to serve on the School of Global Studies Undergraduate Studies Committee. However, beginning Fall 2026, LAS will not have a Director of Undergraduate Studies service position. (There will be one DUS at the School of Global

Studies level.) Rather, an LAS faculty member will serve as “curricular lead” for the emphasis. This person will work with the LAS program director and academic affairs coordinator to update and follow 2-year curricular plans and faculty teaching assignments, schedule LAS emphasis courses each semester, and manage any new course adds and modifications in the new emphasis.

The discontinuation of the Latin American Studies BA degree will not affect Global Studies staff.

#### Communication Plan:

Megan Denney, Global Studies academic advisor, will send an Email to LAS majors in August 2026 to notify them of the option to switch to a Global Studies major with a “Global Latin America” emphasis or continue with the LAS major.

Email script: “The University of Arizona is excited to launch a new Global Studies major with a Global Latin America emphasis starting in the Fall 2026 term. The Latin American Studies major will no longer be accepting new students. As a current Latin American Studies major, I wanted to reach out to let you know your options. You may continue your Latin American Studies degree or you may switch to the new Global Studies major with Global Latin America emphasis. [Add link to emphasis web page.] Please let me know which option you would like to take. I am happy to meet with you to discuss your options and plan starting Fall 2026.”

The LAS BA degree web pages will remain up and available as long as there are active, enrolled students in the major. However, in August 2026, the following message will be added to the website: “No new students for the LAS BA degree are being admitted as of Fall 2026. This degree is now being offered as Global Studies: Global Latin America emphasis. [LINK to Global Latin America emphasis web page].”

As soon as the reconfigured Global Studies major is approved, we will update the Global Studies web page to include information about the Global Latin America emphasis. The following message will be included on the web page: “Available starting August 2026.”

Compliance and Reporting: N/A

#### Timeline of Teach-Out Events

--Spring 2026 (End of May) - No longer admit students to LAS major. If a student wants to declare over summer, advisors will recommend that they wait until the new Global Studies: Global Latin America emphasis starts accepting students in Fall 2026.

--Spring 2026 (February-April) - Work with SBS marketing to write descriptions and other content for each new emphasis, to be shared on relevant University of Arizona web pages and marketing materials.

--Spring 2026 (May)- As soon as the new Global Studies BA major is approved by Curricular Affairs, update the School of Global Studies website to include a description and courses for the Global Latin America emphasis. Include message on emphasis web page: “Available August 2026 and after”

--Fall 2026 (August) - Add message to LAS BA degree website. “No new students are being admitted for

the Latin American Studies BA degree. This degree is now being offered as Global Studies: Global Latin America. [LINK].”

--Fall 2026 (August) - Megan Denney, Global Studies advisor, will notify LAS majors of the new Global Studies major with Global Latin America emphasis via Email.

--Fall 2026 - Advisor will move LAS students to the Global Studies major as needed.

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# Campus and Location Offerings

## Campuses

<b>Campus</b>	<b>Sub Plan Required</b>
University of Arizona - Main	No
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# Emphases/Subplans

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## Dependencies