

What can I do with a major in Latin American and Caribbean Studies

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This information describes typical occupations and employment settings associated with this major. Understand that some of these options may require additional training. Moreover, you are not limited to these options when choosing a possible career path.

Description of Latin American and Caribbean Studies

The LACS major aims to produce students with high levels of language competence and in-depth, substantive understanding of the societies, cultures, politics, and economies of the peoples of Latin America and the Caribbean. In a global workplace, the career options available to LACS graduates are immediate and highly visible: global industry and commerce, multi national nongovernmental organizations, government service, health programs, and K12 public education. LACS courses provide a useful introduction to other university programs and resources and an effective link with career options in business, engineering, education, social work, the media, counseling, urban planning, statistics, marketing, health, social sciences and the humanities.

Researching Job Titles and Careers

O*NET <http://online.onetcenter.org> (click on Find Occupations)

Occupational Outlook Handbook <http://www.bls.gov/oco> (type in general term for career of interest)

Georgia Career Information Center <http://www.gcic.peachnet.edu> (accessible only on campus computers)

Career Insider: Vault Guides http://career.uga.edu/resources/online_resources (Under the “Resources” tab and select “Online Resources”)

Candid Career http://career.uga.edu/resources/online_resources (View professionals speaking about their careers under the “Resources” tab and select “Online Resources”)

Possible Job Titles

Announcer	Film Editor	Linguist
Archaeologist	Flight Attendant	Peace Corps Volunteer
Bilingual Educator	Foreign News Correspondent	Programmer
Civil Service Worker	Foreign Service Officer	Proofreader
Consultant	Historian	Real Estate Agent
Copy Editor	Hotel Manager	Research Assistant
Customs Inspector	Interpreter / Translator	Speech Pathologist
Diplomat	Journalist	Technical Writer
Educator / Instructor	Lexicographer	Theologian
FBI / CIA Agent	Librarian	Translator
		Underwriter

Possible Employers

Archives	Historical Societies	Non-profit foundations
Bookstores	Human Service Agencies	Political Organizations
Boy Scouts of America	IBHI*	Price, Waterhouse, Coopers
Consulting Services	Insurance Companies	Professional Associations
Consumer Affairs Office	Justice Department	Public Interest Groups
Education Departments	Legislatures	Public Relation Firms
Foreign Service	Library of Congress	Publishing Companies
Georgia Historical Society	Magazines & Newspapers	Research Foundations
Government Agencies	Maximum One Realty	Social Service Agencies
Hartford Insurance	Museums	Travel and Tour Agencies
	National Archives	

To learn what types of positions and companies UGA students are working with, see the UGA Career Center Post Graduation Survey at www.career.uga.edu/gradsurveyresults/ and search for alumni on Linked In at www.linkedin.com.

Campus Resources

Latin American and Caribbean Studies - <http://www.lacsi.uga.edu/students/>

To find additional clubs and organizations, go to the **Center for Student Organizations** at- <http://stuorgs.uga.edu/find/index.html>
Connect with your **Career Consultant** <http://career.uga.edu/contact#careerconsultants>

Employment Websites

GENERAL:

CareerSearch http://career.uga.edu/resources/online_resources (Research employers by location and/or industry)

DAWGlink www.career.uga.edu/ (login with your UGA MyID and password)

GoinGlobal (To access GoinGlobal, login to your DAWGlink account)

Idealist www.idealist.org/ (nonprofit jobs)

USAJobs www.usajobs.gov/ (federal jobs)

MAJOR/CAREER SPECIFIC:

Electronic Network for Latin American Careers & Employment (ENLACE) - <http://www1.lanic.utexas.edu/project/enlace/>

ESL (English as a Second Language) Jobs in Latin America - http://www.eslcafe.com/search/Jobs/Latin_America/

Washington Office on Latin America - <http://www.wola.org>.

Bi-Lingual Jobs - <http://www.bilingual-jobs.com/>

Center for International Trade and Security - <http://cits.uga.edu/>

Central Intelligence Agency Foreign Language Positions - <https://www.cia.gov/careers/index.html>

Language Jobs - <http://languagejobs.org/>

U.S. Department of State Careers - <http://www.state.gov/careers/>

National Association for Bilingual Education - <http://www.nabe.org/>

U.S. Travel Association - <http://www.ustravel.org/>

The Electronic Embassy: U.S. Foreign Embassies - <http://www.embassy.org/>

FBI Linguistics - <http://www.fbi.gov/>

United Nations Internships/Careers - www.un.org

Professional Information Resources

Additional Resources

Modern Language Association - www.mla.org

American Translators Association - www.atanet.org

College Language Association - www.clascholars.org

National Humanities Alliance - <http://www.nhalliance.org/>

Latin American Studies Association - <http://lasa.international.pitt.edu/>

Latin World - <http://www.latinworld.com/>

Summit of the Americas Center - <http://www.summit-americas.org/sixthsummit.htm>

The Conference on Latin American History - <http://clah.h-net.org/>

Caribbean Studies Press - <http://www.caribbeanstudiespress.com/>

Caribbean Studies Association - <http://www.caribbeanstudiesassociation.org/en/index.html>

Tip: Join LinkedIn groups that are related to your career interest. To search, select “groups” under the “interests” tab. Also, review the groups that professionals in your field of interest have joined and consider joining them as well.

Additional Career Consultant Recommendations:

Interested in graduate school?

Find current information on getting into graduate school at UGA’s Career Center webpage: http://career.uga.edu/graduate_school/

For additional resources and information on careers, please contact your career consultant to set up an appointment.