With a specialisation in Latin American Studies as part of your degree studies you open the door to a variety of professional career possibilities with Latin America as a central dimension.

Latin American Studies (LAS) enables students to approach key issues confronting the region from multiple perspectives and study alongside our team of expert scholars.

The specialisation explores the main issues and dynamics of contemporary political and social issues in Latin America including the complex character of the society-environment nexus, new social movements and civil society organisations in the region, the politics of human rights and Latin American cultures and societies.

Students undertaking the Latin American Studies pathway will develop skills and knowledge that will prepare them for a range of career paths in areas such as international trade, regional & multilateral institutions, the public sector, NGOs, etc.

**ACADEMIC CONTENT**

If you choose to follow courses in Latin American Studies as a part of your Master’s degree, you will be introduced to elements such as:

**Latin American History and Development (1st semester)**
- Political changes and new challenges for Latin America
- Contemporary Latin American development challenges
- Post-coloniality and decoloniality in Latin America
- The politics of human rights in Latin America
- Regionalism in Latin America
- US and Latin America relations

**Latin American Contemporary Themes and Issues (2nd semester)**
- Latin American cultures and societies
- Social movements and civil society in modern Latin America
- Social-environmental conflicts in Latin America
- Climate change and environmental politics in Latin America
- Gender issues in contemporary Latin America
- Gangs and violence in Latin America
Internship/Semester abroad (3rd semester)
During the 3rd semester, you will do an internship in a private company, NGO or public organisation in Latin America or with relevance for Latin America, or you will spend a semester abroad at a Latin American university.

Master Thesis (4th semester)
The topic of your thesis must have Latin American relevance.

JOB & CAREER
Latin America is taking part in the take-off of the developing world in terms of economic and global political development. With a specialisation in Latin American Studies you open the door to a variety of professional career possibilities where Latin America is a central component in international trade, regional & multilateral institutions, the public sector, NGOs, etc.

REASONS AND HISTORY
BEHIND THE PROBLEMS
The specialisation in Latin American Studies has shown me the reasons and history behind the problems faced by this region, and the crushing inequalities that I have seen first-hand, in one of the most unequal countries in the most unequal region of the world. The concrete knowledge I have gained from the specialisation has made me even more determined to be part of the solution to these problems.

PHILLIP WADE, 2018

REFINING IDEAS AND DISCOVERING NEW TOPICS
Through the program I was able to build on my prior knowledge, refine my ideas and discover new topics and theoretical approaches. AAU’s PBL fits ideally with the LAS team of professors who help students in every way to develop theoretically sound and interesting projects.

ANA PAULA CARUSO, 2018