



University of California, Santa Barbara  
Program Learning Outcomes

**B.A. in Latin American and Iberian Studies**

***Students graduating with a B.A. in Latin American and Iberian Studies (LAIS) should be able to:***

- Explain the cultural, economic and political influence of Europe, Africa, and the United States in the region from conquest to our times.
- Demonstrate a geographic understanding of the region by identifying, for example, changing political borders over time.
- Describe different economic development theories that have been used to explain the region's underdevelopment over time.
- Describe the political impact of the wars of independence in the region.
- Describe the historical roots of contemporary patterns of political stability and instability.
- Explain the origins and impact of twentieth century revolutions on the regions' societies.
- Demonstrate knowledge of the history of at least three different countries.
- Recognize music, dance, and other cultural manifestations emerging from the region.
- Discuss important current events in the region.
- Explain the contemporary role of the United States in Latin America, and the impact of Latin American societies on the United States.