The master of arts program in Latin American and Caribbean Studies (LACS) makes it possible for highly qualified students in the College to combine a BA program in an undergraduate major with an interdisciplinary MA program in Latin American and Caribbean Studies, which provides students with a thorough knowledge of the cultures, history, politics, and languages of the region. Students are enabled to augment their undergraduate studies by placing their knowledge of a particular field in an interdisciplinary context and by continuing specialized work on the graduate level.

BA/MA students participate with MA students in all aspects of the LACS program and pursue a specific course of study depending on their research and professional interests. Students with interests across the humanities and social sciences can take advantage of the MA in Latin American and Caribbean Studies. Undergraduate students pursuing this option are in “concurrent residence” beginning in the Autumn Quarter of their fourth year at the University and remain in this status for three contiguous quarters.

Undergraduate students interested in the joint BA/MA program can find information about eligibility, program requirements, and the application process on the LACS website (http://clas.uchicago.edu/page/ba-ma-program) and should begin discussions about this program with their College adviser during their second year in the College.