



**Application Guidelines for** **Latin American Studies (MA)**

**Application Deadlines** **Fall (applying for funding): Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> (international), Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> (domestic)**  
**Fall (not applying for funding): April 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**Spring (not applying for funding): November 1<sup>st</sup>**

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APPLICATION CATEGORY	SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS
<b>Educational Background</b>	Please complete and include transcripts from each institution attended.
<b>Program of Interest</b>	Select > College of Arts and Sciences > Latin American and Iberian Institute > Latin American Studies > MA Latin American Studies. Please also indicate intended area of concentration.
<b>Letter of Intent</b>	Required. Please see <a href="http://laii.unm.edu/academic-programs/future-students/graduate-admissions.html">http://laii.unm.edu/academic-programs/future-students/graduate-admissions.html</a> for complete instructions.
<b>Writing Sample</b>	A writing sample of approximately 5 - 15 pages in length that demonstrates the applicant's research and analytical abilities, as well as capacity to work across disciplines. It may be written in English, Spanish or Portuguese. Applicants are advised to submit recent work, whether a previously-submitted term paper or an original essay.
<b>CV/Resume</b>	A current CV/resume is required.
<b>Video/Audio Link</b>	Optional.
<b>Recommendations</b>	Three letters of recommendation from academic references that address the applicant's past academic performance including analytical abilities, language proficiency, and potential for success in graduate studies. If an applicant requests a letter from a professional reference, the letter should address analytical abilities and professional qualifications relevant to Latin American area studies. Letters may be written in English, Spanish or Portuguese.
<b>Special Requirements</b>	Admission requires at least four semesters of undergraduate coursework (or equivalent training) in either Spanish, Portuguese, or a Latin American indigenous language. While applicants are not required to have completed a major or minor in Latin American Studies they should be able to demonstrate some course work on Latin America.