

## DUAL DEGREE GRADUATES

Students who graduate from this dual degree program will be competitive for positions in governmental agencies (e.g., ministries of health), bilateral and multilateral institutions (e.g., World Bank, CDC, PAHO), international development agencies, non-governmental organizations, private foundations (e.g. Gates Foundation), private consultancies, and academia.

## ADMISSION INFORMATION & DEADLINES

Admission is a two-step process: Applicants must apply for and be accepted into both masters programs. *Applicants should state in their applications they have applied to the other program.*

**Applications to the MA in Latin American Studies** must be submitted to the Vanderbilt Graduate School: <https://apply.vanderbilt.edu/apply>.

**Applications to the MPH, Global Health track** must be submitted through SOPHAS: <https://medschool.vanderbilt.edu/mph/admissions>.

December 15<sup>th</sup>: deadline for MPH program priority scholarship consideration

January 15<sup>th</sup>: regular admission deadline for MA and MPH programs

## FUNDING RESOURCES

Students accepted into the MA, Latin American Studies are eligible for a FLAS fellowship that covers full tuition and provides a stipend for up to four semesters (*please note: students must apply for FLAS funding separately and reapply in their second year*). MPH tuition support is available to eligible students through a variety of internal and external sources.

## DIVERSITY

The MA and MPH programs value diversity in our students, faculty, and staff. We believe that having a diverse learning community enhances the experience for all learners and results in better outcomes for public health and human development.

**Vanderbilt MPH Program**  
[medschool.vanderbilt.edu/mph](https://medschool.vanderbilt.edu/mph)

**Vanderbilt MA-LAS Program**  
[as.vanderbilt.edu/clas/graduate-programs/ma-latin-american-studies](https://as.vanderbilt.edu/clas/graduate-programs/ma-latin-american-studies)

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# MASTER OF ARTS, LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES

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dual degree program with

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# MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH, GLOBAL HEALTH

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## THE PROGRAM

The Vanderbilt M.A./M.P.H. dual degree program **seeks to equip students for diverse positions in global public health and Latin American studies**, including those in policy and management, advocacy, and program development, implementation, and monitoring & evaluation. Through an **innovative, interdisciplinary curriculum grounded in didactic and experiential learning**, this dual degree offers an opportunity for students to more fully **understand and apply alternative solutions to current and emerging health challenges in Latin America and among Latina/o populations in the United States.**

While both programs have specific requirements that the student must meet in order to graduate, **students can tailor their curriculum and experience to their own individualized pursuits** and complement their core coursework with classes in business, law, religion, regional and area studies, and other disciplines across Vanderbilt University. Combined with a summer practicum experience, students will **be prepared with essential skills and specialized content knowledge necessary to tackle some of the greatest health challenges of our time.**

### **Sample Course of Study:** MA-LAS (thesis option) & MPH-GH

Semester 1: Fall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•MPH Project Development course</li><li>•Foundations of Global Health course</li><li>•LAS Research Seminar course</li><li>•LAS Major/Minor Field courses</li><li>•Language courses*</li></ul>
Semester 2: Spring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•LAS Major/Minor Field courses</li><li>•Language courses</li></ul>
Summer 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•LAS Research or Language Study (or MPH Practicum)</li></ul>
Semester 3: Fall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Biostatistics I</li><li>•Epidemiology I</li><li>•Language courses</li></ul>
Semester 4: Spring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Global Health Core courses</li><li>•Language courses</li></ul>
Summer 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•MPH Practicum (or LAS Research or Language Study)</li></ul>
Semester 5: Fall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•MPH Thesis Research course</li><li>•LAS Thesis</li><li>•LAS Electives</li></ul>
Semester 6: Spring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•MPH Thesis Seminar course</li><li>•LAS Thesis</li><li>•MPH Electives</li></ul>

\* Spanish and Portuguese language courses do not count for credit towards the degree until the third semester of study. K'iche' Mayan and other non-western languages count towards degree credit from the first semester.

#### **MPH Practicum**

A 400-hour field work experience that provides students opportunity to further develop public health skills in a Latin American country

#### **MA Language Requirement**

*Spanish, Portuguese, other indigenous Latin American language*

Students are required to demonstrate advanced proficiency in one language and intermediate proficiency in another

#### **MA Field Specializations**

(choose a Major and a Minor)

- Language, Literature, and Culture (Spanish & Portuguese, K'iche' Mayan, Haitian Creole, Divinity, Art History)
- Social Science (Anthropology, Economics, Political Science, Sociology)
- History

#### **MA & MPH Theses**

Culminating project(s) in which students synthesize theories and methodologies from both disciplines. May be two distinct, but linked, theses or one larger project that satisfies both the MA and MPH thesis requirements