Program in Latin American Studies

Class Day 2022
Monday, May 23
Launched in fall 1967, the Program in Latin American Studies (PLAS) is one the nation's first centers dedicated exclusively to Latin American area studies. At the program's core is a mission to increase knowledge of the histories, cultures, economies, environments of Latin America, and to foster cooperation and understanding across the Americas by bringing Latin American scholars, artists, politicians, and scientists to campus, and by providing support for collaborative research, community service, and cultural exchanges in the region.

In addition to a broad array of public programming, and undergraduate and graduate courses in a range of disciplines, PLAS funds undergraduate, graduate student, and faculty field research; provides support for innovative study and travel proposals via the competitive Sigmund Scholars Award; supports undergraduate internships throughout the region; and brings prominent scholars from the region to teach and carry out research at Princeton.

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Undergraduate Certificates in Latin American Studies

Students may write a senior thesis, an independent research paper (⋆), or take an additional LAS course to fulfill the final requirement for the certificate.

Julian S. Alvarez, Spanish and Portuguese
*From Biography to History: Frei Betto’s Dialectical Pedagogy and the Comunidades Eclesiais de Base*

Catherine Ardila H. Marques, Economics
*Evaluating the Role of Information Acquisition in School Choice: Evidence from a Randomized Experiment in Brazil*

Diego Ayala-McCormick, History
*The Transition to Free Labor in Puerto Rico: Class and Politics in a Nineteenth-Century Colony* ⋆

Sofía Briones Ramirez, Psychology
*LAS 325 / ART 381 / ANT 325 / SPA 397 Muertos: Art and Mortality in Mexico*

Julia Campbell, Politics
*POL 367 / LAS 367 Latin American Politics*

Emily Cruz, Civil and Environmental Engineering
*PHI 372 / SPA 393 / LAS 372 Latin American Philosophy*

Willow Dalehite, Ecology and Evolutionary Biology
*SPA 363 / LAS 334 Critical Theory in Latin America and Beyond*

Jacquelyn Davila, History
*LAS 307 / ANT 307 / ARC 317 / ART 388 Indigenous American Urbanism: Teotihuacan and its Legacy in Comparative Perspective*

Germalysa Ferrer, Sociology
*Emotional Relief: A Study of International Crisis Response in Haiti*

Alejandro Garcia, Politics
*LAS 312 / HIS 313 Revolution in Twentieth-Century Latin America*

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*LAS 313 / ANT 313 / LAO 313 / AMS 305 Race Across the Americas*

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*SPA 406 / LAS 410 Dark Matters*

Kenneth Gonzalez Santibanez, History
*Broken Treaties, Broken Lives: A Legal History of Mexican-American Dispossession in Arizona, 1854-1912*

Akiva Jacobs, Music
*ART 220 / LAS 230 Modern and Contemporary Latin American Art*

Maya McHugh, Civil and Environmental Engineering
*ENV 455 / COM 454 / ENG 255 Sea Level Rise, Islands and the Environmental Humanities*

Felipe Mendoza, Economics
*Education’s Impact on Inequality: A Simulation Study in Colombia and Policy Alternatives*

Nate Moore, Politics
*LAS 234 / ANT 333 Rethinking the Northern Triangle: Violence, Intervention, and Resistance in Central America*

Ashley Morales, School of Public and International Affairs
*LAS 302 / HIS 305 Latin America in Modern World History: Global and Transnational Perspectives, 1800 to the Present*

Daniel Moreno, Economics
*LAS 217 / POL 271 / URB 217 / ANT 397 Culture, Politics, and Human Rights in Latin America*

Mary Murphy, School of Public and International Affairs
*Debtor Dispositions: A Mixed Methods Analysis of Ecuadorian Attitudes Toward China’s Development Footprint*
MC Otani, Electrical and Computer Engineering
LAS 313 / LAO 313 / AAS 331 Locked Up in the Americas: A History of Prisons and Detainment

Kathy Palomino, Sociology
LAS 420 / GSS 458 / SPA 420 / ANT 423 Coloniality of Power: A Gender Perspective

Noel Peng, Spanish and Portuguese
DIOJUÀ (or Mai travels through Nepantla ... and not back)

Fernanda Romo Herrera Ibarrola, Politics
Theatre As Resistance in Guerrero: Contesting the Memory of State Violence from the Dirty War to Ayotzinapa

Emily Sánchez, History
Determining Freedom: Afro-Peruvians and the Meanings of Emancipation in Peru, 1850s*

Fatima Sanogo, School of Public and International Affairs
WWS 364 / LAS 391 Human Rights in Latin America

Leonela Serrano, History
Las Abuelas de la Plaza de Mayo and the Exceptionality of Children in Argentina Amnesty Law: Reconstituting Family and Democracy by Refuting Disappearance

María José Solórzano-Castro, Spanish and Portuguese
In Times of War: Salvadoran-American Counterpoetics

Peter Taylor, Comparative Literature
LAS 234 / ANT 333 Rethinking the Northern Triangle: Violence, Intervention, and Resistance in Central America

Hannah To, Economics
Gender Differences in the Impact of Gangs on Labor Force Participation: Evidence from El Salvador

Amy Torres, Art and Archaeology
“My Painting is an Act of Decolonization”: Viewing Wifredo Lam’s Vision of a Decolonial Future

Valeria Torres-Olivares, School of Public and International Affairs
Materializing the Mexico-U.S. Border: A Text & Sentiment Analysis Approach to Immigration and Border Enforcement Policy

Eric Velasquez, Economics
HIS 304 / LAS 304 Modern Latin America since 1810
Senior Thesis Prize Nominees
The Stanley J. Stein Prize is awarded by PLAS each year to the student who writes the best senior thesis on a Latin American-related topic.

The Kenneth Maxwell Prize is awarded by PLAS on behalf of the Firestone Library to the student who writes the best senior thesis related to Brazil.

Julian S. Alvarez, Spanish and Portuguese
From Biography to History: Frei Betto’s Dialectical Pedagogy and the Comunidades Eclesiais de Base

Chenyang (Daniel) Ju, Politics
When Vultures Strike: Market Reaction to Holdout Litigation Against Argentina

Gio Kim, Economics
The Fairest of Them All: Exploring the Effect of Fairtrade Certification on Gender Equality in Coffee Farms Across the Coffee Belt Regions

Andrea Latoni, Anthropology
Putting an End to the Never-Ending Debate: Puerto Rican Youth on What It Means to Look Past Status Politics

Noel Peng, Creative Writing
GODWORD

Fernanda Romo Herrera Ibarrola, Politics
Theatre as Resistance in Guerrero: Contesting the Memory of State Violence from the Dirty War to Ayotzinapa

Amy Wang, School of Public and International Affairs
Evaluating the Outcomes of China’s COVID-19 Vaccine Diplomacy: A Natural and Survey Experiment in Brazil

Graduate Certificates in Latin American Studies
Mauricio Acuña, Ph.D., Spanish and Portuguese
Poéticas e Performances de Imaginações Afro-Atlânticas: O primeiro festival mundial de artes negras

Ingrid Brioso Rieumont, Ph.D., Spanish and Portuguese
Representaciones póstumas en Cuba y Brasil, 1870-1910

Charlie Hankin, Ph.D., Spanish and Portuguese
Break and Flow: Hip Hop Poetics in Brazil, Cuba and Haiti

Brandon Hunter-Pazzara, Ph.D., Anthropology
Solidarity in the Sand: Labor, Capitalist Development, and Contestation in Mexico’s Maya Riviera

Felice Physioc, Ph.D., History
Mobility and Markets: Postal Transport over the Colonial Andes, 1590-1820
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