GRADUATE CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

Introduced in 2012, the graduate certificate is designed to allow students who are taking seminars in the program, working closely with our faculty and writing dissertations on a Latin American topic to receive a formal credential in the field.

The program is open to all Princeton University graduate students currently enrolled in any Ph.D. program in the humanities, social sciences, engineering, math or natural sciences. Students enrolled in the Master’s in Public Administration Degree Program at the Woodrow Wilson School may enroll in the certificate program if they write a research paper on a Latin American topic in consultation with the Program Director.

Certificate Requirements

• **Language:** Advanced proficiency in Spanish, Portuguese, or French (for students working on the French-speaking Caribbean). Students can satisfy this requirement by completing a course taught in Spanish, Portuguese, or French.

• **Coursework:** Four full-term, approved graduate courses on a Latin American topic, or substitutes approved by the program director. At least one course should be outside of the student’s home department. In addition, the program director may approve other graduate courses, on a case-by-case basis, for which the student has written a final paper focusing on a Latin American topic.

• **Works-in-Progress:** Participation in the PLAS Graduate Works-in-Progress series at least once during the student’s course of study, during which the student presents research or an outline of faculty and graduate student works-in-progress.

• **Dissertation:** A dissertation that includes significant Latin American focus. Students may enroll in the certificate program by completing the brief online registration form on the PLAS website.

For a list of currently open opportunities, visit plas.princeton.edu/undergraduate/admissions.

PLAS also offers substantial travel grants to graduate students for pre-dissertation and dissertation research in Latin America and the Caribbean.

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STANLEY J. STEIN
Stanley J. Stein Thesis Prize in Latin American Studies

The Stanley J. Stein Thesis Prize is awarded in the final written work on a Latin American or Caribbean topic in any field.

KENNETH MAXWELL
Kenneth Maxwell Senior Thesis Prize in Brazilian and Portuguese Studies

The Kenneth Maxwell Senior Thesis Prize in Brazilian and Portuguese Studies is awarded to the best final written work on a Brazilian topic in any field.

SENIOR THESIS PRIZES

SNEHA IYER ’20: Pusunchás, Peru
Women’s Rights March, “Ni Una Mas”, April 2016, Mexico City, Mexico

PLAS Graduate Works-in-Progress: Yangyou Fang, Spanish and Portuguese
Tseden Drolma Parra: Quinchana, Colombia

Ben Gerlofs, PLAS Postdoctoral Research Associate

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FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Program in Latin American Studies

2019-2020 ACADEMIC YEAR

For information about our fellowship opportunities and to see a full list of our current and former PLAS Fellows please visit our website.
ABOUT PLAS

Located in KBO in the Princeton University Program in Latin American Studies (PLAS) is a unique and extraordinary opportunity for students to gain exposure in both Latin American area studies and critical thinking about Latin America in the context of American area studies. At the program’s core is the opportunity to work closely with students and scholars, whether in the classroom or in the field. PLAS gives the breadth and depth of undergraduate research and career opportunities for students in Latin American Studies and Brazilian Studies.

Centered on Scholarship

PLAS programming, focused around influential, promotes the Latin American world. From travel and undergraduate courses to the dynamic experiences that span the region, the program takes pride in fostering the next generation of students and scholars who are shaping the way we think about Latin America and Brazil.

Fostering Engagement

Each year, PLAS sponsors and co-sponsors a range of programming, which includes undergraduate and graduate offerings, travel, and seminars in Architecture, African American Studies, American Studies, Anthropology, Art and Archaeology, Art History, Environmental Sciences, Economics, Ethnic Studies, History, Humanities, Latin American Studies, Literatures, Music, Politics, Religion, Sociology, Spanish and Portuguese, and the Woodrow Wilson School. Senior and junior courses and seminars in Brazilian Studies are also offered.

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Senior Thesis

Students whose departmental obligations preclude a thesis on a Latin American or Brazilian topic may complete the senior thesis requirement (the topic should be determined in consultation with the director and departmental concentration).

PLAS strongly encourages students to travel to and explore Latin America and the Caribbean.

STUDY ABROAD

PLAS offers opportunities for students to pursue their studies in Latin America and Brazil at a variety of institutions. The program supports undergraduates from a wide range of disciplines, including economics, politics, resource management, and the public. Additionally, the program funds students for careers and jobs in many fields, including the foreign service, international development, and the diplomatic corps.

RESEARCH, TRAVEL, & INTERNSHIP SUPPORT

PLAS is committed to providing students with research, experience, and professional and practical opportunities in the fields of Latin American and Brazilian Studies. PLAS offers substantial travel grants to conduct research in Latin America and Brazil. PLAS also supports students for summer internships in the region.

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Postgraduate Opportunities

Qualifying students may apply to the postgraduate fellowship program, which is open for Princeton students from all departments.

Seniors may also wish to consider a postgraduate internship through Princeton in Latin America (PiLA).

Undergraduate Opportunities

PLAS offers fellowships to senior research in Latin American and Brazilian Studies, including the Dr. Priscilla Brown Laboratory fellowship, the St. James Procession, Loíza, Puerto Rico, and the Martin A. Dale ‘53 Fellowship. The Office of the Dean of the College publishes a complete list of postgraduate fellowship opportunities.

For students pursuing the Latin American Studies track:

- One Spanish course required with a grade of C or better.
- A senior thesis must be written with strong Latin American content.
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For students pursuing the Brazilian Studies track:

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