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 doctoral program in the humanities, social sciences, engineering, math or natural sciences. Students enrolled in the Master in Public Affairs Degree Program at the Princeton School of Public and International Affairs 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.

For a list of current program opportunities, visit plas.princeton.edu.

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UNDERGRADUATE CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

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For students focusing on the French-speaking Caribbean, the Department of Romance Languages and Literatures requires knowledge of French for satisfactory completion of the language requirement in French. Portuguese for students pursuing the Brazilian Studies track or French for students focusing on the French-speaking Caribbean. Students must meet the following requirements to receive a certificate of proficiency in Latin American studies:

- Satisfactory completion of the language requirement in Spanish or Portuguese for students pursuing the Brazilian Studies track or French for students focusing on the French-speaking Caribbean.
- Completion of four courses across several disciplines, at least one of these courses must be a seminar.
- For students pursuing the Brazilian studies track, satisfactory completion of four courses across several disciplines, at least one of these courses must be a seminar.
- For students pursuing the Latin American studies track, satisfactory completion of four courses across several disciplines, at least one of these courses must be a seminar.
- A major or in some cases a minor in a Latin American area.
- Approval of a senior thesis research project by the thesis advisor and PLAS.
- The senior thesis must be written under the supervision of a faculty advisor and/or PLAS associated faculty and combined with a PLAS granted concentration.

A special permit may be issued to regularly enrolled students focusing on the French-speaking Caribbean. Students must have permission from the director to enroll. Interested students should contact the program coordinator.

A graduate student in Latin American studies seeking to pursue a minor or in some cases a major in Latin American studies may count toward fulfilling the course requirements.

For students pursuing the Brazilian studies track, satisfactory completion of four courses across several disciplines, at least one of these courses must be a seminar.

For students pursuing the Latin American studies track, satisfactory completion of four courses across several disciplines, at least one of these courses must be a seminar.

Undergraduate Opportunities

PLAS is committed to promoting student research, experienced, and professional development necessary to fully prepare students for their future careers. We seek to prepare students for the realities of the job market and to ensure that they possess the skills and knowledge necessary to succeed in the dynamic world of Latin America and the Caribbean.

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Internship Program.

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PLAS strongly encourages students to study abroad and explore Latin America and the Caribbean. Funds are available to support student travel. These regions for research support and travel opportunities:

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Postgraduate Opportunities

Graduate students who have completed work to count toward the Máster de Artes y Diseño, Universitat de Barcelona (20-21 Prize). The Office of the Dean of the College will also list postgraduate travel opportunities. Students may also wish to consider a postgraduate internship program through PLAS in Latin America.

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Student Seniors

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