

LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN STUDIES

This is the only Latin American and Caribbean Studies Master's program in Canada to bridge the social sciences and the humanities. The program is particularly innovative with its participation in the collaborative specialization in International Development. In addition to being able to finish the program in three semesters, students also have the benefit of studying in a community with the largest concentration of Latin American scholars internationally renowned for their major collaborative and individual research projects. Study Abroad (<https://www.uoguelph.ca/cip/>) gives students an opportunity to study and/or participate in projects at partner institutions in Latin America and the Caribbean. LACS program does not train students for specific careers, but prepares them for a variety of jobs that require analytical skills, an international perspective, and the ability to communicate in both English and Spanish. The program prepares students for further study and research at the doctoral level, either in a related core discipline or in an interdisciplinary program.

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MA Program

Admission Requirements

The normal requirement for admission to the LACS MA program is the equivalent of an Honours degree from a recognized institution with at least 78% or higher in the last two years of study. Preference will be given to students who have taken upper-level undergraduate courses in areas such as Latin American and Caribbean history, society, politics, development, literature, art, languages, and music. A reading knowledge of Spanish will be required. Students wishing to enter the program normally do so in September.

Program Requirements

LACS students will enroll in one of two study options, course work and major research paper or thesis. Study Abroad is not mandatory but strongly recommended to all students.

Thesis

Students take the following 4 required courses (2.0 credits) and write a thesis:

Code	Title	Credits
LACS*6000	Research Methods Seminar	0.50
LACS*6010	Latin American Identity and Culture	0.50
LACS*6020	Re-Imagining Latin American, Latino and Caribbean Communities	0.50
LACS*6030	Globalization and Insecurity in the Americas	0.50

Course Work and Major Research Paper

Students take 4 required courses (2.0 credits), 2 electives (1.0 credits) and write a major research paper (1.0 credit). This option is recommended because it gives students breadth in their study.

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In addition, students will also take two electives in the area of culture or society. Students who choose to go on an exchange in semester 2 of the program will not need to take LACS*6020 Re-Imagining Latin American, Latino and Caribbean Communities. They can replace the winter portion of the course with a comparable course taken at the host university. While abroad, students will have the opportunity to develop language proficiency, and to conduct research or take courses for their major project. The major paper LACS*6100 Research Project consists of approximately 12,000 words and will be researched and written under the direction of one or two faculty members, one of whom could be from an exchange Latin American partner university.

Students who choose to write their major paper or thesis from a social science perspective may replace LACS*6000 Research Methods Seminar with SOC*6140 Qualitative Research Methods (F) or SOC*6140 Qualitative Research Methods (W) or SOC*6130 Quantitative Research Methods (W).

Collaborative Specializations

International Development Studies

Latin American and Caribbean Studies graduate students have the opportunity to pursue the MA in Latin American and Caribbean Studies with the designation "International Development Studies." Students wishing to take MA in Latin American and Caribbean Studies (LACS) in conjunction with the International Development Studies (IDS) collaborative specialization must enter the LACS program and satisfy both the LACS admission requirements and the IDS admission requirements. Please consult the International Development Studies (calendar.uoguelph.ca/graduate-calendar/collaborative-specializations/international-development-studies/) listing for a detailed description of the MA collaborative specialization including the special additional requirements for each of the participating departments or programs.

Sexualities, Genders and Bodies

The Latin American and Caribbean Studies program participates in the collaborative specialization in Sexualities, Genders and Bodies. MA students wishing to undertake thesis research or their major research paper/project with an emphasis on sexualities, genders and bodies are eligible to apply to register concurrently in Latin American and Caribbean Studies and the collaborative specialization. Students should consult the Sexualities, Genders and Bodies (calendar.uoguelph.ca/graduate-calendar/collaborative-specializations/sexualities-genders-and-bodies/) listing for more information.

Courses

LACS*6000 Research Methods Seminar Unspecified [0.50]

This course will introduce students to the field and research methods of various disciplines and of interdisciplinary studies, and it will familiarize them with field-relevant research skills and methodologies.

Department(s): School of Languages and Literatures

Location(s): Guelph

LACS*6010 Latin American Identity and Culture Fall Only [0.50]

This is the first of the two required LACS culture core courses. They will address theoretical issues relevant to Latin American identities and cultures, and will use these as heuristic devices in the study of major and marginalized cultural events, narratives, and visual and musical expressions. In LACS*6010 students will analyze the concept of "hybridity" and study how hybrid culture has been incorporating past with the present, and how it is and has been incorporating local and African forms and themes with European and US derived high culture.

Department(s): School of Languages and Literatures

Location(s): Guelph

LACS*6020 Re-Imagining Latin American, Latino and Caribbean Communities Winter Only [0.50]

This graduate seminar examines recent developments in community theory, studying representative works of literature, film, and music that re-imagine the ideas and formations of Latino, Latin American and Caribbean communities. Students going an exchange may replace this course with a similar course taken at the exchange university.

Department(s): School of Languages and Literatures

Location(s): Guelph

LACS*6030 Globalization and Insecurity in the Americas Fall Only [0.50]

An analytical, critical and interdisciplinary introductory overview of Latin America and the Caribbean in the larger context of the Americas, from the point of view of the security and insecurity of its people. It will concentrate on the interplay of environmental, economic, social, political, and cultural factors upon such security in an era of globalization.

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Location(s): Guelph

LACS*6040 Novel and Nation in Spanish America Winter Only [0.50]

This course will study the constitution of Spanish American nation in the novel since 1900 from a variety of theoretical perspectives. Particular attention will be paid to the novel's appropriation of foreign artistic and cultural influences to articulate Spanish American history. Offered in conjunction with SPAN*4100 or SPAN*4410. Extra work is required of graduate students.

Restriction(s): Credit may be obtained for only one of LACS*6040 or SPAN*4100/SPAN*4410.

Department(s): School of Languages and Literatures

Location(s): Guelph

LACS*6070 Civil Society and Activism in Latin America Unspecified [0.50]

This graduate seminar will provide an analytical, critical and interdisciplinary overview of relevant sociopolitical topics in contemporary Latin America, with a focus on the role of civil society and collective action in reshaping the social and political landscape of the region.

Department(s): School of Languages and Literatures

Location(s): Guelph

LACS*6100 Research Project Unspecified [1.00]

This research project will result in a major paper of about 15,000 words. The student chooses a topic and writes a paper on the topic with the guidance of a faculty member. The topic must be approved by the Graduate Program Committee.

Department(s): School of Languages and Literatures

Location(s): Guelph

LACS*6200 Topics in Latin American and Caribbean Studies Unspecified [0.50]

An independent study course, the nature and content of which is agreed upon between the individual student and the person offering the course.

Restriction(s): Instructor consent required.

Department(s): School of Languages and Literatures

Location(s): Guelph

LACS*6300 Experiential Learning in Latin American and Caribbean Studies Winter and Summer [0.50]

This course provides students with an opportunity to put their academic knowledge and skills into practice within a community organization.

Students design and conduct an independent project of significance to the host organization and are evaluated by faculty.

Restriction(s): Instructor consent required.

Department(s): School of Languages and Literatures

Location(s): Guelph

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ECON*6350	Economic Development	0.50
ECON*6370	Economic Development in Historical Perspective	0.50
ENGL*6811	Special Topics in English	0.50
FREN*6022	Topics in Caribbean and African Literatures	0.50
HIST*6500	Topics in Global History	0.50
HIST*6520	Topics in Latin American History	0.50
HIST*6521	Latin American History Research	0.50
POLS*6050	The Politics of Identity	0.50
SOC*6270	Diversity and Social Equality	0.50
SOC*6420	Environment, Food, and Communities	0.50
SOC*6460	Gender and Development	0.50