

Program in Latin American Studies

The Program in Latin American Studies offers a major that concentrates on the history, culture, and politics of the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean basin. Under the supervision of an adviser, students can choose from a broad range of courses to create an individualized program of study. The Program in Latin American Studies offers modest financial support for research to qualified students.

The program emphasizes undergraduate teaching by offering, in coordination with other programs, specific courses on Latin America. It also sponsors conferences, cultural events, and intersession courses in Latin America. The Program sponsors three Summer Programs Abroad open to all students. Students travel for a stay of six weeks in the following locations: Buenos Aires, Argentina, Cochabamba, Bolivia, and Lima/Cuzco, Peru. The Summer Programs offer two intensive courses each and students earn six credits. The Program also sponsors a two week Intersession Program in Brazil.

The Program also supports graduate students whose research focuses on Latin America. Students interested in pursuing graduate work related to Latin America at Johns Hopkins are encouraged to apply to a graduate degree program in the School of Arts and Sciences departments of Anthropology, Romance Languages and Literatures, History, Political Science, or Sociology.

The Faculty

Mary M. Bensabat-Ott, Lecturer (Romance Languages and Literatures): coordinator of Portuguese language instruction.

Sara Castro-Klarén, Director, Professor (Romance Languages): Latin American literature, colonial studies, discourse analysis, contemporary novel.

Eduardo González, Professor (Romance Languages): Latin American literature, American studies, film and media studies, psychoanalysis, and literature.

Margaret E. Keck, Professor (Political Science): comparative politics, Latin American politics and the environment.

Franklin W. Knight, Professor (History): Latin American and Caribbean social and economic history, comparative history, comparative slave systems.

Paul Kramer, Assistant Professor (History): modern U.S.-Latin American comparative and transnational history, and the history of colonialism.

Lisa Deleornardis, Assistant Professor (History of Art): ancient American Art.

Deborah Poole, Professor (Anthropology): visuality and representation; race and ethnicity; violence, liberalism, and the state; law and judicial reform; Latin America (Peru, Mexico).

A.J.R. Russell-Wood, Professor (History): pre-Columbian and colonial Latin America with an emphasis on Brazil and an interest in the Portuguese seaborne empire and comparative colonialism.

Beverly J. Silver, Professor (Sociology): historical sociology, labor and social movements, political sociology, international development.

Postdoctoral Fellow

Silvia G. Kurlat Ares, Visiting Professor, Program in Latin American Studies, Southern Cone Literature, contemporary novel, popular culture, cultural criticism, literary theory, history of ideas.

Visiting Faculty

Marcelo Cavarozzi, Visiting Professor (Political Science): Contemporary Latin American Politics, political theory.

James D. Goodyear, Associate Director of Public Health Studies Program, Professor (History of Science & Technology): history of medicine, Latin American history, Brazil.

Kevin Healy, Visiting Professor (Sociology): grass roots movements, Andean region, and Central America.

Horacio Legras, Visiting Professor (Romance Languages): Modernization and popular culture (Mexico, Argentina, and Cuba) narrative of the Mexican Revolution, Andean and Mexican Indigenism in a comparative perspective, cultural studies.

Sara Poggio, Visiting Professor (Political Science): Women, Gender, and Sexuality studies, Public Policy.

Jorge Schartz, Visiting Professor (Romance Languages): Avant-garde movements, modernist literature, aesthetics.

Wayne S. Smith, Visiting Professor (Political Science): U.S. - Latin American relations.

Magda von der Heydt-Coca, Visiting Professor (Sociology): contemporary sociology, Andean culture and history.

Lea Ybarra, Visiting Professor (Interdepartmental): Romance Languages and Literatures, Political Science, History, Sociology, and Chicano Studies.

Undergraduate Program

Major in the Program in Latin American Studies

Students may declare a major in the Program in Latin American Studies during the second semester of the sophomore year. Students may major in the program in conjunction with other departments. No more than two independent studies are acceptable toward the major or minor in the program.

The Latin American Studies Program accepts credits earned in Programs Abroad sponsored by CIES.

Requirements for the B.A. Degree

(See also General Requirements for Departmental Majors, page 46.)

The requirements for a major in Latin American Studies are as follows:

- At least 30 distribution credits in courses coded otherwise than the major. If Latin American Studies is counted as (H), the 30 credits must be in courses coded (S), (Q), (N), or (E); if it is counted as (S), the 30 credits must be in courses coded (H), (Q), (N), or (E). No fewer than 12 of the credits should be designated (N), (Q), or (E). Courses coded (H), (S) must be outside the courses cross-listed for the program. Credits from independent study, research, and internships do not fulfill the distribution requirement unless offered under the aegis of a department.

- Language proficiency (i.e., reading fluidity and basic conversational skills) through the intermediate level in either Spanish or Portuguese.
- Four lower level courses focused on Latin America (100- and 200-level courses), one of which must be the general introductory course to Latin American Studies.
- Five upper-level courses focused on Latin America.
- Three elective courses relevant or with reference to Latin America. Intersession courses may not be used to fulfill this requirement.
- To be eligible for honors, a 3.3 GPA in the major's courses as well as the successful completion of a senior thesis will be required.
- No grade below C- will be accepted for the major requirement.

Minor in Latin American Studies

The requirements for a minor in Latin American studies are as follows:

- Four upper-level (300 or above) courses focused on Latin America. Intersession courses may not be used to fulfill this requirement.
- Two additional courses at any level dealing with Latin America.
- Students may substitute one year of intensive Portuguese for two of the upper level courses.
- Language proficiency (i.e., reading fluidity and basic conversational skills) through the intermediate level in either Spanish or Portuguese.
- No grade below C- will be accepted for the minor requirement.

Courses

The following courses are taught regularly but may not be offered in 2005–2007.

Interdisciplinary

360.130/1 (H,S) Introduction to Latin American Studies I and II

Kurlat 3 credits

360.135 (S) Introduction to Latin American Film

Legras 3 credits

360.140 (S) Latin American Novel in Translation

Kurlat 3 credits

360.160 (S) Drug Trafficking in the Americas

Healy 3 credits

360.313 (S) Cuba and U.S. Decision Making

Smith 3 credits

360.353 (S) U.S.-Latin American Relations: Past and Present

Smith 3 credits

Anthropology

070.313 (H,S) Community and Governance in Latin America

Poole 3 credits

History

100.115-116 (H,S,W) History of Latin America

Russell-Wood 3 credits

100.137 (H,S) The United States as an Empire

Kramer 3 credits

100.345 (H,S) Portuguese Seaborne Empire

Russell-Wood 3 credits

100.427 (H,S) Ancient Civilizations of Central and South America

Russell-Wood 3 credits

100.429-430 (H,S,W) History of Colonial Brazil

Russell-Wood 3 credits

100.438 (H,S,W) Modern Mexico and the Mexican Revolution

Knight 3 credits

100.439 (H,S,W) The Cuban Revolution and the Contemporary Caribbean

Knight 3 credits

100.440 (H,S,W) The Revolutionary Experience in Modern Latin America

Knight 3 credits

100.441 (H,S,W) Society, Politics, and Economics in Contemporary Latin America

Knight 3 credits

100.463 (H,S) The African Diaspora: The Brazilian Experience

Russell-Wood 3 credits

100.483 (H,S) Brazil and the Southern America

Knight 3 credits

100.491 (H,S,W) The Age of Exploration

Russell-Wood 3 credits

History of Art**010.334 (H) Problems in Ancient American Art**

DeLeonardis 3 credits

Jewish Studies**100.292 (H) Contemporary Latin American Jewish Writers**

Kuralt-Ares 3 credits

Political Science**190.392 (S) Introduction to Latin American Politics**

Keck 3 credits

190.409 (S,W) Comparative Politics of Social Movements

Keck 3 credits

190.411 (S,W) Environment and Development in the Third World

Keck 3 credits

191.353 (H,S) Women and Latin American Politics

Poggio 3 credits

191.605 (H) Latin American Politics: Current Trends and Selected Topics

Cavarozzi 3 credits

Public Health Studies**280.156 (H,S) The Invention of Tropical Disease**

Goodyear 3 credits

280.213 (H,S) Epidemiology of Violence: The Case of Latin America

Goodyear 3 credits

Romance Languages and Literatures**211.394 (H) Brazilian Culture and Civilization**

Bensabat-Ott 3 credits

212.341 (H) Autobiography and the Novel in Latin America

Castro-Klarén 3 credits

212.342/5 (H) Introduction to the Formation of Latin American Cultures and Their Literatures I and II

Castro-Klarén 3 credits

212.354 (H) El Caribe/The Caribbean

González 3 credits

212.458 (H) Latin American Literature and Art in the 20's and 30's

Schwartz 3 credits

212.650 (H) Across the Avant Garde

González/Monleón 3 credits

Sociology**230.300 (S) Contemporary Economic Sociology of Latin America**

von der Heydt-Coca 3 credits

230.307 (S) Sociology of Latin America

von der Heydt-Coca 3 credits

230.350 (S) Latin American Latinos in the U.S.: Historical Connections and Contemporary Issues

Ybarra 3 credits