

Latin American & Caribbean Studies: MA

LACS at Guelph is a personally and professionally enriching program. Students come to this interdisciplinary program from different undergraduate disciplines, such as Literature, History, International Development, Political Science, Sociology, Art History, Music, Film Studies, Translation, and Education. They also come from different countries. The diverse environment is as beneficial to students as over twenty Latin American, Caribbean and Latinx specialists with whom students work closely, often on a one-on-one-basis.

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Program

This is a one-year MA program with coursework and thesis options. The duration of the thesis option is usually 4 semesters.

The program can also be taken in collaboration with International Development Studies and with Sexualities, Genders, and Bodies program.



Research Areas

- Globalization and Insecurity
- Collective Memory and Cultural Traumas
- Community and Civil Society
- Transculturación, Realismo Mágico, Hibridación
- Economic, Political, and Cultural Development

Funding

Successful applicants are guaranteed competitive funding support: a minimum of two teaching assistantships (approximately \$6,000 per assistantship); students with strong qualifications will also receive a top-up scholarship (amounts range from \$1,000 to \$15,000).

Applicants are strongly encouraged to apply for the Ontario Graduate Scholarship (worth \$5,000 per

semester); the deadline to apply for OGS is January 31.

Admission Requirements

- The equivalent of an Honours degree from an accredited institution with at least a high second-class standing (78% or higher) in the last 2 years of study. At least a reading knowledge of Spanish is required. If your first language is not English, you will be required to submit the results of a standardized language test.
- The program also requires a two-page double spaced letter of Intent and considers it a very important part of the application dossier.
- Student's CV and 2 letters of recommendation from professors familiar with the candidate's work.

Application Deadline:

June 30. However, Applications received by February 1st have a better chance of receiving good financial packages.

Entry: Fall

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:

In LACS, students learn how to conduct research and use information; they train their minds to apply information in a variety of ways. This coaching prepares them to take on new tasks. There are many North-South connections and job opportunities, and LACS graduates have found employment in areas such as:

- Government/public sector
- NGOs
- Private industries
- Teaching

CONTACT INFORMATION

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LACS Faculty and Their Main Areas of Research

Jordi Diez, Political Science

- environmental politics and policy
- the politics of gay and lesbian rights in Latin America

Susan Douglas, History of Fine Art

- modern and contemporary Latin American art
- digital art history and topics in cultural heritage

Paulina García-Del Moral, Sociology

- transnational feminist activism and killing of women
- gender violence and reproductive rights

Rosario Gómez, Linguistics

- Spanish sociolinguistics
- translation and second language acquisition

M. Gloria González-Morales, Psychology

- work-life issues, victimization, incivility and civility

Stephen Henighan, Literature and Culture

- the latest trends in Latin American literature
- literature and the environment
- nationalism and the novel
- masculinity and machismo

Jasmin Hristov, Sociology and Anthropology

- land violence and security development
- neoliberalism and paramilitarism

Candace Johnson, Political Science

- maternal health policy, and reproductive rights
- human and environmental justice in Guatemala

Lisa Kowalchuk, Sociology

- social movements and collective action
- neoliberal policies and nurses in Central America

Stuart McCook, History

- environmental history of tropical crops such as coffee
- disease and history

Alan McDougall, History

- History of football and football clubs and leagues

Erin Nelson, Sociology

- sustainable food and agroecology, particularly in Cuba

Kate Parizeau, Geography

- cartoneros or urban informal recyclers of Buenos Aires

Karen Racine, History

- history and culture of the revolutionary independence
- cross-cultural contact and national identity formation

Pablo Ramirez, Literature and Culture

- history and collective memory in Latinx literature
- Mexican-Anglo romances and the language of contract



“The LACS program has allowed me to research and learn explanatory theories and models with an analytical perspective of what the Latino community means, strengthening my capacity for critical thinking and self-management as a space for professional growth.”

– Idalia Rodriguez, student

MA Latin American & Caribbean Studies

Silvia Sarapura, Rural Studies

- rural planning for development
- transformative changes in agriculture

Joubert Satyre, French Caribbean Literature and Culture

- post-colonialism in the Caribbean
- community and collective memory

Gordana Yovanovich, Literature and Culture

- re-imagining of communities
- constructions of identities in theory and through literature

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