

Latin American & Caribbean Studies: MA

The University of Guelph is home to Canada's only Interdisciplinary Latin American and Caribbean Studies (LACS) Master's Program that incorporates the social sciences, development and the arts. With a faculty comprised of internationally renowned specialists, and the option to research and study abroad, the program provides graduate students with unique opportunities for personal growth and professional development. LACS is a bilingual program that can be done in either English or Spanish.

www.lacs-ma.ca

Program

The LACS program prepares students for a variety of jobs that require critical and creative thinking, and the ability to formulate and carry out a research plan. Students can study abroad and conduct field research in Latin American and Caribbean countries. The program can be completed in 3 semesters.

Research Areas

- Globalization and Insecurity
- Collective Memory and Cultural Traumas
- Community and Civil Society
- Transculturación, Realismo Mágico, Hibridación
- Economic, Political, and Cultural Development
- Area of Student's Interest

Funding

Successful applicants are guaranteed competitive funding support: a minimum of two teaching assistantships (approximately \$5,694.57 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 at the end of October.

Application Deadline:

Ongoing
Entry: Fall



"The University of Guelph is also unique because the professors are actually interested in the well-being of their students. The positive impact that this has for students does not go unnoticed; the university faculty and staff are always active in and out of the classrooms."
- Sonia Gallardo

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 a high second-class standing (78% or higher) in the last 2 years of study. At least a reading knowledge of Spanish is required.

A two-page double spaced Letter of Intent is a very important part of the application dossier. It allows applicants to demonstrate their communication skills and, most importantly, their ability to envision a long-term research project. A successful letter of intent states an applicant's area of research interest, and demonstrates that the applicant has read some of the academic work that pertains to their proposed research area or field.

Applications received by February 1st have a better chance of receiving good financial packages. However, applications are considered throughout the year.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN:

- Preparing for PhD programs or professional schools?
- Development, global inequality, diversity, and poverty?
- Studying and conducting field research in Latin American and Caribbean countries?
- Acquiring pedagogical training and teaching experience?

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:

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

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