

2008-2009 Graduate Calendar

The information published in this Graduate Calendar outlines the rules, regulations, curricula, programs and fees for the 2008-2009 academic years, including the Summer Semester 2008, the Fall Semester 2008 and the Winter Semester 2009.

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Introduction

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Email Address

The University issued email address is considered an official means of communication with the student and will be used for correspondence from the University. Students are responsible for monitoring their University-issued email account regularly.

Home Address

Students are responsible for maintaining a current mailing address with the University. Address changes can be made, in writing, through Graduate Program Services.

Name Changes

The University of Guelph is committed to the integrity of its student records, therefore, each student is required to provide either on application for admission or on personal data forms required for registration, his/her complete, legal name. Any requests to change a name, by means of alteration, deletion, substitution or addition, must be accompanied by appropriate supporting documentation.

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The University undertakes to protect the privacy of each student and the confidentiality of his or her record. To this end the University shall refuse to disclose personal information to any person other than the individual to whom the information relates where disclosure would constitute an unjustified invasion of the personal privacy of that person or of any other individual. All members of the University community must respect the confidential nature of the student information which they acquire in the course of their work.

Complete policy at <http://www.uoguelph.ca/policies>.

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MA Program

This is the only Latin American and Caribbean Studies Master's program in Canada to bridge the social sciences and the humanities. 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 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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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 year of study. Preference will be given to students who have

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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.

Degree Requirements

LACS students will either take option 1 or 2. Study Abroad is strongly recommended to all students.

Option 1: take 6 courses (3.0 credits) and write a major paper (1.0 credit). This option is recommended.

In addition to taking the four required courses 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 Latin American and Caribbean Identity and Culture II course. 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 (1.0 credits) 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.

Option 2: take 4 courses (2.0 credits) and write a thesis

Students who choose to go on an exchange in semester 2 of the program will not need to take LACS*6020 Latin American and Caribbean Identity and Culture II course. 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 for the thesis writing which is more extensive and academically demanding than the major paper.

All students will take four required courses:

LACS*6010	[0.50]	Latin American Identity & Culture I
LACS*6020	[0.50]	Latin American Identity & Culture II
LACS*6030	[0.50]	Globalization & Insecurity in the Americas
LACS*6000		

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

Interdepartmental Programs

International Development Studies Collaborative MA Program

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 collaborative International Development Studies (IDS) program must enter the LACS program and satisfy both the LACS admission requirements and the IDS admission requirements. Please consult the collaborative International Development Studies listing for a detailed description of the MA collaborative program including the special additional requirements for each of the participating departments or programs.

Courses

LACS*6000 Methodology

LACS*6010 Latin American Identity & Culture I F [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.

LACS*6020 Latin American Identity & Culture II W [0.50]

This course is a continuation of LACS*6010. Students going on an exchange may replace this course with a similar course taken at the exchange university. This course will study minority cultures and the relationship of the periphery and the centre. Feminist, queer, Latina/o and indigenous marginalized cultures will be studied in the context of Internationalism and Globalization.

LACS*6030 Globalization & Insecurity in the Americas F [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.

LACS*6040 Novel & Nation in Spanish America U [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.

LACS*6050 Globalization & Latin American Representation in Art W [0.50]

This course will examine the continuous flow of large, temporary high-profile identity-based "blockbuster" exhibitions based on Latin American and Caribbean art in Canada and the United States. These exhibitions play a key role as cultural agents, and raise questions of the concept of converging visual cultures.

LACS*6100 Research Project U [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 Committee.