



## UNDERGRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES

**INTRODUCTION** The David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies awards a Certificate in Latin American Studies to Harvard College students who have completed an approved course of study as a part of their work toward the A.B. degree. The Certificate is awarded during Commencement week. To be eligible, students must take 20 credits through a combination of courses from the Core Curriculum and the related general requirements, the concentration, electives, and senior tutorial.

### **REQUIREMENTS**

**DOMAIN OF COUNTRIES** The countries included are the Spanish and Portuguese speaking countries of the Americas.

**LANGUAGE** Students must demonstrate knowledge of Spanish, Portuguese, or an Amerindian language spoken in Latin America. Spanish and Portuguese knowledge can be demonstrated by satisfying at least one of the following requirements:

- Scoring at least 670 on the Harvard Placement Test (native speakers are encouraged to take the placement test).
- Successfully completing the requirements for a Language Citation in Spanish or Portuguese from the Department of Romance Languages and Literatures.
- Successfully completing a Spanish or Portuguese language course at level 30 or above and conducting a minimum of four weeks field research or study abroad in a Spanish or Portuguese speaking country.

Students who wish to use an Amerindian language to satisfy this requirement should contact Rachel Murray-Crawford for more information.

**SENIOR THESIS OR EQUIVALENT** Students must write a senior thesis on an approved subject related to Latin America. *Please note that the thesis may not be on a topic related to Latino populations in the United States or on Latin American immigrants.* Beginning in academic year 2016-17, students may petition to have the thesis requirement be substituted by a Significant International Experience in Latin America, namely at least one semester spent participating in a for-credit study abroad program in a Latin American country during their time at Harvard College.

**COURSE REQUIREMENTS** Students must complete twenty semester credits (5 courses) -- beyond any courses associated with the senior thesis -- in the manner prescribed:

- The twenty qualifying credits must include courses in three different departments or concentrations. Core courses are considered a distinct department. Courses may not be taken pass/fail.  
*At least one of the twenty credits must be taken in the social sciences (includes government, anthropology, economics, social studies, sociology) and at least one must be in the humanities (including history, literature, religion, or romance languages).*
- At least sixteen of the twenty credits must be devoted exclusively to Latin American topics. This means they have either 'Latin America' or the name of a Latin American Country in the title of the course.  
*The remaining four credits can be filled by another course devoted exclusively to Latin America, OR by 2 courses related to Latin America that count as 2 credits each. These related courses include one about*



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*Spain, Portugal, Caribbean and Latino Studies, or any course that is comparative and topical that is listed in the DRCLAS Course Guide, with the exception of first and second year language classes.)*

- Students may petition to count up to three courses taken at other institutions, (i.e. classes taken while a student was studying out of residence).

**ADMINISTRATION** The Certificate is administered by the David Rockefeller Center. The Director must verify that the requirements have been met prior to the award of the Certificate. Interested students should obtain a copy of the Center's *Guide to Courses*, published each academic year, which lists relevant courses. Students should also obtain and fill out a plan of study showing how the Certificate requirements will be met. Changes consistent with the Certificate program can be made at any time subject to the Director's approval. Upon verification that the work recorded in the plan of study has been fulfilled, the Certificate will be awarded during Commencement week.

**CONTACT** Rachel Murray-Crawford, Program Manager (rachelmurray@fas.harvard.edu)

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Plan of Study

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Year of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_ Concentration \_\_\_\_\_

Harvard Address & House Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Language Requirement**

First, indicate which language you are using to meet the requirement:

Spanish: \_\_\_\_\_

Portuguese: \_\_\_\_\_

Amerindian: (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Then, indicate how you have fulfilled the requirement:



- \_\_\_\_\_ I have scored at least a 670 on the Harvard Placement Test
- \_\_\_\_\_ I will be receiving a Language Citation from the Department of Romance Languages and Literatures
- \_\_\_\_\_ I have completed a language course at level 30 or above and conducted a minimum of four weeks field research or study abroad in a country where Spanish or Portuguese is spoken.

Please indicate the course taken at Harvard (\_\_\_\_\_) and the location and duration of your research/study abroad experience in the space below:

**Senior Thesis**

Senior Thesis (2 half-courses): \_\_\_\_\_

Senior Thesis Advisor: \_\_\_\_\_

Thesis Title: \_\_\_\_\_

**Course Requirements and Distribution**

You must complete twenty semester credits (five courses) beyond any courses associated with the senior thesis, as described in the requirements. The twenty qualifying credits must include courses in three different departments or concentrations. Core courses count as a distinct department. Courses may not be taken as pass/fail. At least one of the courses must be taken in the social sciences (including government, anthropology, economics, social studies, sociology) and one must be in the humanities (including history, literature, romance languages, religion). Students can petition to count up to three courses at other institutions. Please list the credits by **department, title, and course number.**

Full Credits

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. \_\_\_\_\_

Half Credits (or 2 Full Credits)

- 5. \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. \_\_\_\_\_



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7. \_\_\_\_\_

8. \_\_\_\_\_

### **Transcript**

Your Harvard College transcript must be in your file prior to the Certificate being awarded. The transcript should have your grades up to and including one semester prior to your final semester (i.e. if you graduate in spring 2017, your transcript should include your fall 2016 grades).

### **PLEASE SUBMIT APPLICATION TO:**

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