



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 8 half-courses, or approximately one-quarter of their curricular time at Harvard, 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 either Spanish or Portuguese with a score of at least 670 in the CEEB or Harvard Placement Test, or by having successfully completed a Spanish or Portuguese language course at the level of 35 or above with at least five weeks of field experience, or by obtaining a language citation in Spanish or Portuguese, or by another means approved by the Student Services Coordinator.

SENIOR THESIS Students must write a senior thesis on an approved subject dealing with the area.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS Beyond the senior thesis (2 semester courses) students must complete an additional 6 semester courses (no pass/fail) in the manner prescribed

- (1) The six qualifying courses must include courses in three different departments or concentrations. At least one of the six courses must be taken in the social sciences (including history) and at least one must be in the humanities.
- (2) At least four of the six courses must be devoted exclusively to Latin American topics, as indicated by the course title.
- (3) Courses related to Latin America (e.g., on Spain, Portugal, the Caribbean and Latino Studies, or comparative and topical courses listed in the DRCLAS *Guide to Courses*) may be used to fulfill up to two of the six required for the Certificate, but each such course counts as half of a semester course.
- (4) Students may petition to count up to three courses taken at other institutions.

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 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.

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Plan of Study

Name: _____

Year of Graduation: _____ Concentration: _____

Harvard Address & House Affiliation: _____

Home Address: _____

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

Beyond the senior thesis (2 credits) you must complete an additional six credits (no pass/fail) as described in the requirements. The six credits below must include courses in three different departments or concentrations. The core counts as a distinct department. At least one of the courses must be taken in the social sciences (includes history, government, anthropology, economics, social studies, sociology) and one must be in the humanities (includes 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. _____
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 2009, your transcript should include your fall 2008 grades).



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