Graduate Certificate in Latin American and Caribbean Studies

The Graduate Certificate in Latin American & Caribbean Studies (https://latamst.ku.edu/curriculum-graduate-certificates) is intended to:

a) encourage current and future graduate students to deepen their training in Latin American and Caribbean Studies

b) document and highlight the expertise of current graduate students who are already engaged in a course of study with substantial Latin American & Caribbean content, and

c) allow new students to earn a recognized credential demonstrating their expertise in Latin America for the purposes of employment or personal interests.

There are two specialized tracks available: **Central American & Mexican Studies track** recognizes students with a working knowledge of all of Latin America and the Caribbean but also intensive training specific to the geographical region running from the U.S. border to Panama. The **Brazilian track** recognizes students with a working knowledge of all of Latin America and the Caribbean but also intensive training specific to Brazil.

Those interested in broad training on Latin American & the Caribbean or in a Latin American or Caribbean region other than Central America, Mexico, and Brazil may complete the Certificate without selecting a separate track.

### Admission to Graduate Studies

An applicant seeking to pursue graduate study in the College may be admitted as either a degree-seeking or non-degree seeking student. Policies and procedures of Graduate Studies govern the process of Graduate admission. These may be found in the Graduate Studies (http://catalog.ku.edu/graduate-studies) section of the online catalog.

Please consult the Departments & Programs (http://catalog.ku.edu/liberal-arts-sciences) section of the online catalog for information regarding program-specific admissions criteria and requirements. Special admissions requirements pertain to Interdisciplinary Studies degrees, which may be found in the Graduate Studies section of the online catalog.

### Graduate Admission

Eligibility criteria for admission to the certificate program follow Graduate Studies’ admission policy (http://policy.ku.edu/graduate-studies/admission-to-graduate-study). Non-native speakers of English must meet English proficiency requirements as described here (http://graduate.ku.edu/english-proficiency-requirements). A Bachelor’s degree in Latin American & Caribbean studies is not required for admission, but the department expects applicants to show on their transcripts significant exposure to the humanities and social sciences.

For all applicants, please check the application requirements through the LA&CS Graduate Certificate Overview page (https://latamst.ku.edu/overview-graduate-certificates).

Potential students must submit a complete online graduate application (http://graduate.ku.edu/application-process). For additional questions regarding program requirements and application processes, please contact the Director of Graduate Studies, Dr. Cecile Accilien (https://latamst.ku.edu/c%C3%A9cile-accilien). Applicants may also contact the department directly:

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The Graduate Certificate in Latin American & Caribbean Studies requires 12 credits completed through 4 courses at the 500-level and above. Three options are available for students: the general Latin American & Caribbean Studies Certificate, or specialized tracks in Central American & Mexican Studies or Brazilian Studies.

All certificate students must complete:

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Students must choose, in consultation with the Director of Graduate Studies, three additional courses from the department’s current approved list of Latin American & Caribbean Studies courses. For the Central American & Mexican Studies Track the 3 courses must have at least 50% content on Central America, Mexico, or both. For the Brazilian Studies Track the 3 courses must have at least 50% content on Brazil.

Total Hours 12