

Carleton

Latin American Studies Program

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Hello Friend,

Congratulations on your acceptance to Carleton College. I am excited you are interested in learning more about Latin America and I hope to meet you soon.

The [Latin American Studies Program](#) seeks to expand awareness and understanding of Latin American societies, cultures, and experience in the Carleton community. We offer courses, as well as both a major and a minor, that provide students with an interdisciplinary and cross-cultural approach with which to examine issues of politics, economic development, ethnicity, gender, religion, and cultural expression in Latin America.

The majority of our students that major or minor in Latin American Studies [study abroad](#) in a Latin American country through an OCS sponsored and approved program. While abroad, our students have engaged in environmental, political, linguistic, cultural, etc. approaches to Latin America.

Each year the Latin American Studies Program sponsors a series of public lectures that bring prominent scholars and public figures to campus. Students and faculty have the opportunity to meet and interact with these speakers during their campus visit. In addition, we also sponsor colloquia and social events for students and faculty in the Program. These events are announced throughout the year.

Additionally, each year, the students, [faculty](#) and alumni of the Latin American Studies Program convene to share in an academic experience that brings to the fore and to campus a major topic, event, and country of Latin America. Originally designed as a capstone experience for the students of the program, we have expanded the [Foro Latinoamericano](#) to include our alumni and the program's entire faculty in order to give it a truly communal sense. The Foro also provides the Carleton community at large with the opportunity to participate in a major event involving contemporary Latin America.

We are a tightly-knit and lively community of scholars of Latin America. We look forward to having you join us! Please contact me by phone 507-222-4240 or email slopez@carleton.edu if you have any further questions.

Best wishes,



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Chair, Latin American Studies Program

