

LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES

Gaining a comprehensive understanding of the sociopolitical complexity and cultural diversity of Latin America through an interdisciplinary perspective

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Bucknell in Nicaragua

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Residential College

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cultural society)

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CAREER PATHS

A degree in Latin American studies prepares students for careers in government, business, industry, education, the non-profit sector, the arts and more. Many alumni are employed in congressional or governmental offices, public and private international organizations, multinational businesses or legal and social services. Recently, alumni have secured the following positions:

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PROGRAM DETAILS

- The Latin American studies program at Bucknell University encompasses a study of all nations in the Western hemisphere south of the United States, as well as Latin Americans who make up the largest minority in the U.S.
- Latin American studies provides a framework through interdisciplinary studies in the humanities and social sciences for systematic understanding of the Latin American cultural and historical experience and of the important role of Latin America in our global society.
- Students examine the rich chronicle of traditions, cultural expression and historical experience in Latin America.
- Students of Latin American studies are encouraged to pose questions on a wide range of essential issues—from ethnic, cultural and multi-racial interaction to economic and social struggles, human rights and ethics, globalization, regional integration and issues of development and sustainability.
- These various perspectives are combined with an expanded international world view, increased sensitivity to inter-American relations and extensive study of the Spanish language.
- The study of Latin America challenges ethnocentric attitudes and offers students an opportunity to develop alternative approaches to their own culture.
- A major and a minor are offered in Latin American studies.
- Students of Latin American studies become proficient in the Spanish language and spend a semester or year of study in Latin America.
- Bucknell offers a Latin American studies honors program for qualified majors.

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FACULTY QUALIFICATIONS

Bucknell's Latin American studies program brings together 16 faculty members from nine social science and humanities departments and programs:

- anthropology
- economics
- environmental studies
- geography
- international relations
- Latin American studies
- political science
- sociology
- Spanish

This academic breadth gives our students a broad range of perspectives on Latin America and its role in global society.

Our professors have traveled and researched extensively in Latin America. Their writing, publications and creative works range widely over such topics as problems and processes of development and sustainability, comparative political systems, revolutionary cultures, social movements, indigenous cultures, literature and film. The knowledge they bring to the classroom greatly enriches the education students receive.

FACULTY

Nina Banks, economics

Ph.D. Massachusetts at Amherst

Scholarly interests: political economy, gender and race, women in the world economy, labor economics, poverty, welfare, African American women's economic history, households and economic transformation, Mexican self-employment

José Cárdenas Bunsen

Ph.D. Yale University

Scholarly interests: the legal thinking of Bartolomé de las Casas in relation to the historical and ethnographic writings of Indian and mestizo authors, Spanish-American literature with special emphasis on the Colonial period

T. Elizabeth Durden, sociology

Ph.D. Texas at Austin

Scholarly interests: social demography (immigration, health inequalities), race and ethnicity, Latin American area studies

Thomas Greaves, anthropology

Ph.D. Cornell

Scholarly interests: contemporary indigenous societies, anthropology of human rights, indigenous intellectual and cultural property rights of cultures, indigenous North America, peoples and cultures of the Andes

Elisabeth Guerrero, Spanish

Ph.D. Texas at Austin

Scholarly interests: 19th- and 20th-century Spanish American narrative, with a particular emphasis on Mexican literature, history and culture

R. Douglas Hecock, political science

Ph.D. University of New Mexico

Scholarly interests: comparative politics, Latin American politics

Linden Lewis, sociology

Ph.D. American

Scholarly interests: globalization, sociology of development; race, class, gender; the Caribbean

Jason McCloskey

Ph.D. Indiana University

Scholarly interests: Spanish and Spanish-American poetry of the 16th and 17th centuries, particularly epic poetry and its relations to contemporaneous narratives of conquest and exploration and Renaissance visual arts

Collin McKinney, Spanish

Ph.D. University of Cambridge

Scholarly interests: 19th-century Spanish literature and culture, with a special focus on the novels by authors Galdós and Clarín

Ana Mercedes Patiño, Spanish

Ph.D. California at Riverside

Scholarly interests: Latin American 20th-century narrative, with special interest in avant-garde authors and genre theory; the contemporary Latin American short story

LaVonne Poteet, Latin American studies

Ph.D. Bryn Mawr College

Scholarly interests: social movements, indigenous cultures, human rights, film, Mexican and Central American literature and culture

FACULTY *continued*

Alice Poust, Spanish

Ph.D. Texas at Austin

Scholarly interests: 20th-century literature and the history of ideas, both in Spain and Spanish America

Stephen Stamos, international relations

Ph.D. Antioch

Scholarly interests: international political economy, the global environment, Mexico, Latin America

Paul Susman, geography

Ph.D. Clark

Scholarly interests: economic geography, development/environment, political economy, the Caribbean

Hilbourne Watson, international relations

Ph.D. Howard

Scholarly interests: international relations theory, international political economy, global restructuring, the Caribbean, political philosophy

Peter Wilshusen, environmental studies

Ph.D. University of Michigan

Scholarly interests: comparative international environmental politics and planning

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH

Students in the Latin American studies program can work closely with faculty mentors on research projects. These projects can lead to honors theses (for qualified students), publications in journals and presentations at professional conferences. For example, a student recently completed a project titled, "Indigenous Maya Resistance in Guatemala: Inequality and Human Rights."

COURSES OFFERED

International Relations of the Caribbean
International Relations of the Western Hemisphere
Latin America: An Introduction
Latin American Economic Development
Latin American History
Latin American Literature
Latin American Politics
Latin American Women
Latino/Latina Literature in the United States
Nobel Laureates of Spain and Spanish America: Texts, Pretexts, Contexts
People and Cultures of the Andean World
Seminar in Economic Topics
Seminar in Latin American Studies

Sociology of Caribbean Society
Sociology of Developing Societies
Spanish American Civilization
Spanish American Literature
The Rise of Latin American Civilizations
Third World Development
Third World Politics
Topics in Hispanic Literature
Topics in Latin American Studies
Topics in Spanish American Civilization
Topics in Spanish American Literature
Twentieth-century Spanish American Literature
Women's Writing in the Spanish-speaking World
Independent Study and Honors Thesis work

INTERNSHIPS

Internships with publications and organizations that deal with Latin America are available to highly qualified students. These internships provide students with career experience and networking, and they allow students to put their scholarly learning into practice.

STUDY ABROAD

Bucknell's Latin American studies students should plan to spend a semester or year of study in Latin America. Latin American studies faculty members and the Office of International Education assist students with finding and applying to approved programs. Recently, students have studied in:

- Argentina
- Chile
- Nicaragua
- Costa Rica
- Brazil
- Dominican Republic
- Mexico

GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL

Some Latin American studies students continue their studies in graduate school. Others enroll in law or business programs. Recently, graduates have gone on to:

- Ohio State University
- University of Texas-Austin
- Columbia University

CAREER PATHS *continued*

- Consultant, Booz, Allen & Hamilton
- Director of Programs and Marketing, Springboard Forward
- Chemistry Teacher, Green Mountain High School
- District Executive, York-Adams Area Council – Boy Scouts of America

FACILITIES AND RESOURCES

- Bucknell has extensive library holdings of books, periodicals and films on Latin America, providing a rich resource for courses and student research.
- The University hosts a number of lectures, symposia, workshops, teach-ins, seminars and student project presentations on Latin America throughout the year.
- Writers and scholars from Latin America frequently visit Bucknell and offer students special academic and curricular programs.

To view the entire Bucknell University catalog, see www.bucknell.edu/catalog.

