Latin America

The University of Washington offers graduate training in colonial and post-colonial Latin American History as both a primary and a secondary field. The program is especially strong in the comparative study of late colonial Spanish rule and its aftermath in the Andean region and the Caribbean, but graduate students are encouraged to work on any period and topic of their choosing. Courses cover all major historical periods in Latin America and the Caribbean and emphasize a multidisciplinary approach to history. Research interests and expertise of associated faculty are wide ranging and include social and cultural history, the history of U.S. intervention in Latin America, the history of medicine and public health, slavery and emancipation studies, the study of migration and the constitution of Diaspora communities, peasant studies, the history of race, the study of nation-formation in Latin America, the history of gender and sexuality, and urban history.

While the Latin American History program is strongest in Andean and Caribbean studies, faculty members have extensive training in the historiographies of Mexico, Brazil, and the non-Spanish Caribbean, and welcome applicants wishing to work on those countries. The Latin America program shares many of its topic interests with specialists in other areas of study within the Department of History, facilitating comparative analysis. Graduate study in Latin American History also benefits from the resources of the Latin American Studies Program in the Jackson School of International Studies, and from the support of Latin America specialists in various departments throughout the University.

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