Course and Examination Regulations
valid as of 1 September 2015

Programme-specific section:
Master’s Programme: Latin American Studies (research)

These course and examination regulations have been drawn up in accordance with Section 7.13 of the Higher Education and Research Act [Wet op het hoger onderwijs en wetenschappelijk onderzoek] (WHW) (henceforth the Act) and additional quality marks as set out in the framework document Leiden University Register of Study Programmes [Leids universitair register opleidingen].

Pursuant to Section 7.14 of the Act the Faculty Board regularly evaluates the course and examination regulations and assesses, for the purpose of monitoring and, if necessary, adjusting the study load, the time it takes students to comply with the regulations. In conformity with Section 9.18 of the Act, the department teaching committee is assigned the task of annually assessing how the course and examination regulations are implemented.

These course and examination regulations consist of two sections: a general section that is the same for all programmes and a section that contains information that is specific to a particular programme. This programme-specific section forms a whole with the general section, and only contains the articles with content that is specific to a particular programme.

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Article 2.1  **Objectives of the Programme**

The programme has the following objectives:

1. to broaden and deepen the students’ knowledge, understanding and skills, and train them in the use of scientific methods in the area of contemporary history, cultural and social analysis of Latin America and the Caribbean;

2. to enable students to develop the following academic and professional skills:
   - the ability to solve academic problems independently, critically and creatively;
   - the ability to analyse complex problems;
   - the ability to clearly report academic results, both in writing and orally;

3. to prepare students for an academic career at a university for postgraduate programmes;

4. to prepare students for a non-academic career in the public or private sector for which advanced research skills and practical research experience are a prerequisite.

Article 2.2  **Specialisations**

Not applicable.

Article 2.3  **Achievement Levels**

Graduates of the programmes will have reached the following achievement levels:

I. Knowledge and understanding

*Graduates have and can show knowledge and understanding of relevant models and theoretical notions at a level typical of a master’s student. They are capable of surpassing this level or deepening the knowledge and understanding and appear capable of contributing to the growth of knowledge or its applicability, the latter most likely in a team of researchers.*

1. A profound awareness of the current issues and research questions in the relevant disciplines and regional fields of the programme;

2. A thorough understanding of various theories and methodological approaches that are commonly used in research programmes in Latin American Studies;

3. The ability to identify a theoretical framework suitable for addressing relevant problems and issues;

4. Advanced, up-to-date knowledge of the quantitative and qualitative research methodology appropriate to particular projects and locations;

5. Sensitivity to the relationship between theory, method and place;

6. Awareness of the role of comparison;

7. Appropriate language skills for accessing sources in the original languages;

II. Application of knowledge and understanding

*Graduates can apply knowledge and understanding and problem-solving abilities in new or unfamiliar environments within broader (or multidisciplinary) contexts related to the field of study; they have the ability to integrate knowledge and handle complexity.*

1. The capacity to apply a theoretical or descriptive framework when conducting basic independent research in Latin American Studies;

2. The capacity to deploy the theoretical and methodological tool-sets for the analysis and interpretation of the object of inquiry, so that innovative answers to the research question can be given related to the specificity of the Latin American case-study;
3. The ability to critically select, study and analyse literature relevant to the issues and problems presented by the curriculum and the research programmes in question;
4. The ability to independently formulate, perform and assess scientific research at a level suitable for preparing scientific publications;
5. Sensitivity to the relationship between theory, method and place;
6. Ability to deploy comparison as an analytical tool;
7. The fundamentals of research project management.

III. Making judgements

Graduates can formulate judgments on the basis of the collected information, taking into account the social and ethical responsibilities linked to the application of their knowledge and understanding.

1. Profound knowledge of the philosophy and ethics of Latin American Studies research and the limitations of individual research projects;
2. Sophisticated understanding of the stakes in the politics of knowledge and their relationship with the ethics of fairness and objectivity;
3. Sophisticated understanding of the stakes in the politics of knowledge and an awareness of bias in academic inquiry.

IV. Communication

Graduates can clearly and unambiguously communicate conclusions and the knowledge and rationale underpinning these to specialist and non-specialist audiences.

1. The capacity to report independently on relevant research that has been carried out according to current academic standards;
2. The ability to write scientific reports either in English, Spanish or Portuguese;
3. The ability to give persuasive oral presentations;
4. The ability to engage in the international academic debate.

V. Learning skills

Graduates have the learning skills to allow them to continue studies in a largely self-directed or autonomous manner.

The capacity to apply learning skills that allow them to initiate and conduct a research project with a great degree of independence and autonomy, under expert national or international supervision.

Article 2.5 Study Load

The programme has a study load of 120 credits.

Article 2.8 Language of Instruction

In compliance with the Code of Conduct regarding Language of Instruction [Gedragscode voertaal\(^1\)] the languages of instruction and examination of the programme are English and Spanish. Students are expected to have an adequate command of the languages of instruction of the programme.

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\(^1\) The Code of Conduct on the Language of Instruction and Examination [Gedragscode voertaal] was adopted by the Executive Board on 28 May 2013 and can be found on the following website: media.leidenuniv.nl/legacy/language of instruction.pdf.
Article 3.1  **Compulsory Components**

3.1.1 The programme includes compulsory components totalling a study load of 120 credits. These compulsory components include the optional courses [keuzevakken] from which a student is obliged to choose. These compulsory components also include 10 credits for electives offered by the recognised national research schools.

Article 4.2  **Obligatory Order**

4.2.1 Not applicable.

Article 4.3  **Examination Formats**

4.3.7 Not applicable.

Article 5.2  **Admission to the academic year 2015-2016**

5.2.1 Not applicable.

5.2.2 Without prejudice to the stipulations in Article 5.1.1 regarding maximum capacity, persons will be granted admission to the programme, if they:

- have earned the degree of Bachelor at a university not being a university of professional education, equivalent to the level of a Dutch academic Bachelor’s degree, or demonstrate to meet the requirements for such a degree, including the General Academic Skills listed in Appendix C; and

- have affinity with and suitability for scholarly research, demonstrated by good grades comparable with an average mark of at least 7.5 (Dutch grading system) for their entire bachelor’s programme, and a grade for the bachelor’s thesis of an 8 or higher; and

- are sufficiently proficient in the languages of instruction, to be assessed by the Faculty Board (English IELTS 7.0, TOEFL 100 (internet-based) or Cambridge English: Proficiency (CPE); and Spanish CEFR listening B2, reading C1, spoken interaction B2, spoken production B2, writing B2); and

- possess knowledge of the fundamentals of area studies, literary studies, history and/or social sciences, demonstrable from a bachelor’s thesis in which relevant literature and research are covered; and

- only for persons who want to specialise in Brazil: have a good command of Portuguese.

5.2.3 Not applicable.
Article 5.3  Admission to the academic year 2016-2017

5.3.1 Not applicable.

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- are sufficiently proficient in the language of instruction, to be assessed by the Faculty Board (Listening: Spanish CEFR B2, Reading: Spanish CEFR C1; Spoken interaction Spanish and/or Portuguese CEFR B2; Spoken production Spanish and/or Portuguese CEFR B2; Writing Spanish and/or Portuguese CEFR B2;) and

- possess knowledge of the fundamentals of area studies, literary studies, history and/or social sciences, demonstrable from a bachelor’s thesis in which relevant literature and research are covered; and

5.3.3 Not applicable.

Article 5.5  Bridging Programmes (Premasters)

Not applicable.
## Appendix D - Curriculum

### Master's programme 2015-2016

#### Latin American Studies (research)

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Abbreviations

Mode(s) of instruction:
lc lectures
sem seminars
tut tutorials
men mentoring
ss self-study
exc excursion
is internship

Level:
400 level of education according to the Leiden 100-600 structure

Status of the course:
C (compulsory) if the course is a compulsory component for all students of the programme/specialisation/track
O (optional) if the course is an optional component of the programme

Retake:
R (retake) if students who have not been successful in the first attempt can take a second examination for the course; see art. 4.1 of the general section of the Course and Examination Regulations

Methods of assessment:
w written examination
wm written examination with multiple choice questions
we written examination with essay questions
wth take home examination
wp paper, essay, thesis
oe oral examination
op oral presentation
tr translation
pa participation
as (weekly) assignments
pro protocol

Achievement levels applied:
According to the numeration of achievement levels in art. 2.3 of the programme section of the Course and Examination Regulations