

GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN
LATIN AMERICAN & CARIBBEAN STUDIES
APPLICATION FORM

Date: _____

Last name(s): _____ First name(s): _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____ Student #: _____

Graduate program (Department or Faculty): _____

Degree: _____ Expected date of graduation: _____

DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS (as of July 2007):

1. Concurrent completion of a master's or doctoral program at York University.
2. A working knowledge of Spanish or Portuguese. Another language, other than standard English, is acceptable if needed for research in the region.
3. Personal experience for a period of at least two months, beyond simple tourism, in Latin America or the Caribbean.
4. A combination of two courses and/or research papers on Latin American or Caribbean-related topics accepted by the candidate's supervisor. One of these may be the candidate's thesis. The research papers must be written outside of courses being counted toward this requirement. Papers and/or courses must be done at York University concurrently with the candidate's graduate degree.
5. Attendance at ten CERLAC events, with written commentaries on five of these events.
6. Breadth of knowledge in the region beyond what may be inferred from a reading of the candidate's research papers and coursework. This requirement can be met in one of two ways:
 - a) *An oral examination* based on a reading list *approved in advance by the candidate's supervisor*. The reading list should include at least twelve substantive scholarly sources, *or*
 - b) *A third research paper or course* on a LAC-related topic different from those satisfying item 4 above. Any research paper counted towards this requirement must be written outside of any courses being counted towards the Coursework and/or Research Paper requirement.

Within 6 months of registration in the Diploma Program you should complete a first draft of your Program Completion Plan and select a supervisor from the list of approved supervisors. Upon completion of the program, your supervisor will certify that you have satisfied all diploma requirements.

Further information and all forms for the CERLAC Diploma are available on the CERLAC website: www.yorku.ca/cerlac/gradprog.htm.

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