

PUERTO RICAN & LATINX STUDIES, B.A. FOUR-YEAR DEGREE AND CAREER MAP

for Bulletin Year 2026-2027

Brooklyn College's Puerto Rican & Latinx Studies (PRLS) department

was forged during the Civil Rights Movement by students whose courage demanded a more equitable and just world, with the creation of an interdisciplinary department where students can gain the critical knowledge and research skills to go on to do just about anything!

A degree in PRLS helps build skills in:

- Critical thinking
- Research and analysis
- Communication and writing
- Activism and organizing

These highly transferable skills can apply to careers in:

- Bilingual Education
- Journalism
- Social work
- Law and public policy
- Nonprofit and advocacy work
- Media and the arts

Our alumni work at leading institutions:

ASPIRA, Inc.
NYC Department of Education
The New York Immigration Coalition
New York City Council Offices
Make the Road-NY
Center for Family Life
Telemundo
Latina Magazine
El Puente
Good Shepherd Services

Our students have gone on to attend:

CUNY Graduate Center
Teacher's College
Rutgers University
University of Texas-Austin
The New School
University of Connecticut
Bank Street College
University of Wisconsin-Madison
University of California-Berkeley
UMASS-Amherst

"Public education that ensures all students full participation in a democratic society is worth defending and fighting for."

— Dr. Sonia Nieto

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Your Journey

Your journey at Brooklyn College will prepare you for life after college. Career readiness is more than just attending classes—it's about trying new things, making new connections, and pushing yourself in and outside the classroom. No student path is the same—Brooklyn College helps you build your confidence and capabilities, and prepare for your career ahead.

FIRST YEAR

First Semester Classes	Credits	Expanding Your Horizons Through College Life	Roadmap to Career Readiness
ENGL 1010: English Composition I Pathways	3	- Create a Handshake account - Visit the Learning Center to see how it can help you achieve academic success - Join a student club - Explore the programs at the Magner Career Center - Attend the majors' fair	- Start building a basic résumé - Attend cultural events around New York City for free with your CUNY ID - Find out about some of the many different career paths for PRLS. - Not sure what career(s) interest you? Check out My Next Move
Mathematics and Quantitative Reasoning Pathways	3		
PRLS 1001: Introduction to Puerto Rican and Latinx Studies	3		
General Elective	3		
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Second Semester Classes	Credits	Expanding Your Horizons Through College Life	Roadmap to Career Readiness
ENGL 1012: English Composition II Pathways	3	- Attend events sponsored by student clubs associated with PRLS- PRA, MEDO, BC Dream Team, MeHSA - Attend the Magner Career Center Job and Internship Fair and workshops - Explore scholarships, fellowships, and research opportunities - Meet with a PRLS "check-in" advisor to discuss the major and career paths, and college's language requirement	- Create a draft cover letter for internships and fellowships - Look for volunteer opportunities in your community - Check out internships available to first and second year students - Explore career options through the Occupational Outlook Handbook, O*Net, CareerVillage.org, and CareerOne Stop
Life and Physical Sciences Pathways	3		
World Cultures & Global Issues	3		
PRLS 2000 level or higher (major)	3		
General Elective	3		

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SECOND YEAR

First Semester Classes	Credits	Expanding Your Horizons Through College Life	Roadmap to Career Readiness
Individual & Society <i>Pathways</i>	3	Identify potential research opportunities like the Tow and the Mellon Transfer Student Research Programs	Find a mentor you can meet with periodically - Identify potential summer internships
Creative Expression <i>Pathways</i>	3	- Explore Study Abroad opportunities and programs - Attend the Magner Career Center Job & Internship Fair in October and employer information panels throughout the semester	Get involved with student-centered events such as the Encuentro
PRLS 2000 level or higher	3	Explore CUNY-wide internship opportunities like CUNY Cultural Corp	Explore City Tutors for mentors, workshops, and internship opportunities
PRLS 3340 : Critical Research Methods in Puerto Rican and Latinx Studies	3	If you are interested in doctoral programs, explore the Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship Program and the CUNY Pipeline Program	Meet with your professors and advisor to talk about career options
General Elective	3		

Second Semester Classes	Credits	Expanding Your Horizons Through College Life	Roadmap to Career Readiness
World Cultures & Global Issues <i>Pathways</i>	3	- Join a student professional club or organization - Review interview resources and attend interviewing workshops	Identify skills that you need to build outside of the classroom using ONETonline.org
Creative Expression <i>Pathways</i>	3	Hone your public speaking skills. Practice recording and critiquing your oral and nonverbal communication for video interview submissions.	Create an ePortfolio of your academic and professional experiences, accomplishments, and reflections
Scientific World <i>Pathways</i>	3	Apply for stipends for unpaid summer and fall internships	Conduct informational interviews with professionals in your career of interest and to start marketing yourself.
PRLS 5710: Research Seminar in Puerto Rican and Latinx Studies	3	Attend an event at another CUNY College	
PRLS History, Policy and Society course	3		

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THIRD YEAR

First Semester Classes	Credits	Expanding Your Horizons Through College Life	Roadmap to Career Readiness
College Option Pathways	3	- Take leadership roles in clubs and organizations - Take part in research activities	Practice advanced interview techniques and develop your elevator pitch with a Career Coach
PRLS 3325: Institutions of Urban Life and the Latino Experience	3	Participate in student research showcase events such as the HSS Expo	Interested in historic preservation? Check out Weeksville
PRLS Literature, Culture & Arts Course	3	- Research graduate school and other post-graduate options - Interested in law school? Contact the academic and career Pre-Law advisors	- Apply for internships - Refine your résumé and create a skills-based version
PRLS History, Policy & Society Course	3	Consider studying abroad during the Winter Intercession or Summer	Seek out professionals working in your focus area(s) to interview or job shadow
General Elective	3	- Attend the Magner Career Center Job and Internship Fair in October and employer information sessions/ panels - Meet with your major advisor	Schedule a graduation audit when you are an Upper Junior (spring)

Second Semester Classes	Credits	Expanding Your Horizons Through College Life	Roadmap to Career Readiness
College Option Pathways	3	Volunteer to serve as a student representative on a departmental or school committee	Continue to apply for internships
PRLS 4615, 4635 or special topics	3	Identify faculty and staff to ask to serve as references for graduate school, internships, and jobs	- Update your ePortfolio - Explore career options and tasks with virtual work experiences
PRLS Elective	3	Attend graduate school information sessions	Attend a job fair
General Elective	3		
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FOURTH YEAR

First Semester Classes	Credits	Expanding Your Horizons Through College Life	Roadmap to Career Readiness
College Option Pathways	3	• Meet with a career advisor for job search preparation • Meet with your academic advisor to talk about post-graduate opportunities • Choose electives to diversify your skillset and round out your degree • Take part in as many student clubs, professional organizations, and networking opportunities as you can • Complete any remaining major/gen ed requirements • If applying to graduate school, complete the application process	• Serve in a leadership role on campus or in a local community organization • Attend professional association conferences that offer student rates or scholarships • Actively apply for jobs or graduate school • Develop a list of potential employers • File for graduation
PRLS Literature, Culture & Arts course	3		
PRLS 2000 level or higher course	3		
PRLS Elective	3		
General Elective	3		

Second Semester Classes	Credits	Expanding Your Horizons Through College Life	Roadmap to Career Readiness
General (or PRLS) elective	3	• Final Interview preparation • Participate in student research showcase events such as the HSS Expo • Maximize your final year with every opportunity relevant to your postgraduate goal and discuss options with your advisor and faculty • Attend Magner Center events for graduating seniors	• Continue applying for jobs or graduate school
General Elective	3		
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Disclaimer: Career readiness is a flexible journey, not a one-size-fits-all path. This suggested career map is designed to guide you, but if you're a transfer student or need to skip certain tasks, you can easily catch up. Likewise, some students may progress at a faster pace. The purpose of this career map is to help you stay on track while breaking down your goals into manageable steps. Keep in mind that most tasks are ongoing and should be revisited regularly, not completed just once.