DOMESTIC EXCHANGE PROGRAMS, TRAVELING SCHOLARS AND
LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Cross-Registration at Harvard
There is a long-standing agreement between Harvard and Brown to allow cross-
registration of graduate students in courses without paying tuition to the host
institution. Students in the Department of Hispanic Studies may take up to two
courses at Harvard. After consulting the Harvard website to see what courses are
being offered, interested students should enroll in the Exchange Scholar program
(see below) and obtain the appropriate forms from the Registrar’s Office and obtain
the signatures of the DGS of each graduate program and from the Graduate School.
Names of courses taken at Harvard, the name of the professor as well as the grades
received will be recorded on the student’s permanent record at Brown. All
arrangements concerning tuition, fees, and health and insurance plans are those
already in force between the student and Brown, but Harvard academic regulations
(including registration and grading) are applied.

Exchange Scholar Program
Brown participates in an Exchange Scholar Program that enables advanced graduate
students to study in the graduate school of participating institutions, including the
University of California at Berkeley, the University of Chicago, Columbia, Cornell,
Harvard, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the University of Pennsylvania,
Princeton, Stanford, and Yale. The exchange provides graduate students with the
opportunity to draw upon the particular strengths of the exchange institution and to
explore their discipline from a different perspective.

The Department of Hispanic Studies allows students to participate in this program for one
semester. Research conducted with faculty members at one of the institutions above will
be registered on the academic record and official transcript at Brown. Students are
eligible to be Exchange Scholars only after completing an academic year of study in a
doctoral degree program at Brown. Participating students will be registered as Exchange
Scholars with Brown and will hold special non-degree status at the host institution. For
more information please visit the Exchange Scholar Program website:
https://www.brown.edu/academics/gradschool/exchange-scholar-program

Leaves of Absence
During the course of graduate study a student may need to request a leave of absence.
Leaves of absence are normally granted for one to two semesters. To extend a leave of
absence for a second year, students must file extensions with the DGS prior to the
expiration of their leave. Students who do not file extensions will receive a warning from
the Graduate School and may be automatically withdrawn from the graduate programs.

Students on a probationary or personal leave do not normally have access to the library or
other facilities, including the University’s electronic resources. Upon presentation of a
petition, a student may, with justification, and support of the DGS, request one year’s extension of privileges. If the student is an alumna/us (such as a master’s degree holder) he or she may use the library under that status. Borrowing privileges may also be purchased for a nominal fee. All leaves except probationary and personal leaves allow students to extend the terms of their guaranteed funding and should not affect their academic progress or standing. For more information on leaves of absence please visit:
https://www.brown.edu/academics/gradschool/leaves-absence

For information specific to medical leaves please visit:
https://www.brown.edu/about/administration/student-life/student-support-services/medical-leaves