

UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE FORMS

Academic Program Approval

This form is a routing document for the approval of new and revised academic programs. Proposing department should complete this form. For more information, call the Faculty Senate Office at 831-2921.

Submitted by: Persephone Braham phone number 1565

Department: LAMS/FLL email address Braham@udel.edu

Date: 10/8/10

Action: 1. Academic Unit Name Change:
from *Latin American Studies* to *Latin American and Iberian Studies*

Action 2. Revise LAMS major: add Capstone requirement – LAMS491
(Example: add major/minor/concentration, delete major/minor/concentration, revise major/minor/concentration, academic unit name change, request for permanent status, policy change, etc.)

Effective term **11F**
(use format 04F, 05W)

Current degree **BA**
(Example: BA, BACH, BACJ, HBA, EDD, MA, MBA, etc.)

Proposed change leads to the degree of: BA
(Example: BA, BACH, BACJ, HBA, EDD, MA, MBA, etc.)

Proposed name **Latin American and Iberian Studies**
Proposed new name for revised or new major / minor / concentration / academic unit (if applicable)

Revising or Deleting:

Undergraduate major / Concentration: LAMS
(Example: Applied Music – Instrumental degree BMAS)

Undergraduate minor: _____
(Example: African Studies, Business Administration, English, Leadership, etc.)

Graduate Program Policy statement change: _____
(**Must attach** your Graduate Program Policy Statement)

Graduate Program of Study: _____
(Example: Animal Science: MS Animal Science: PHD Economics: MA Economics: PHD)

Graduate minor / concentration: _____

Note: all graduate studies proposals must include an electronic copy of the Graduate Program Policy Document, highlighting the changes made to the original policy document.

List new courses required for the new or revised curriculum. How do they support the overall program objectives of the major/minor/concentrations)?

(Be aware that approval of the curriculum is dependent upon these courses successfully passing through the Course Challenge list. If there are no new courses enter “None”)

The addition of a capstone seminar adds value and coherence to the program core, especially at the upper level. Students deepen, focus, and synthesize their knowledge about Latin America across three or more disciplines. It adds a needed opportunity to develop and assess students' written and spoken Spanish at the upper level and allows progress from competent to proficient for more students. It develops and provides end-of-career assessment opportunities in our three program goals (culture, writing/analysis, Spanish).

Explain, when appropriate, how this new/revised curriculum supports the 10 goals of undergraduate education: <http://www.ugs.udel.edu/gened/>

The Latin American Studies program's three primary goals of cultural knowledge, analysis/writing, and language proficiency map readily to many of the 10 GenEd goals, including (depending on the format of the activities assigned):

LAMS Goal 1 – knowledge and understanding of Hispanic cultures

(5) Understand the diverse ways of thinking that underlie the search for knowledge in the arts, humanities, sciences and social sciences.

(8) Expand understanding and appreciation of human creativity and diverse forms of aesthetic and intellectual expression.

(10) Develop an international perspective in order to live and work effectively in an increasingly global society.

LAMS Goal 2 - Analysis, application, and presentation of information

(1) Attain effective skills in oral and written communication...use of technology...

(2) Learn to think critically to solve problems

(3) Be able to work and learn both independently and collaboratively

(6) Develop the intellectual curiosity, confidence, and engagement that will lead to lifelong learning.

LAMS Goal 3 – Proficiency in written and oral Spanish and/or Portuguese

(1) Attain effective skills in oral and written communication

Identify other units affected by the proposed changes:

(Attach permission from the affected units. If no other unit is affected, enter "None")

No other unit is really affected as we are an interdisciplinary program. However, I did seek the opinion of FLL chair Richard Zipser regarding the program name change as several of his faculty would presumably be invited to join. He was in agreement that this is a logical move.

Describe the rationale for the proposed program change(s):

(Explain your reasons for creating, revising, or deleting the curriculum or program.)

It is impossible to be conversant with Latin American issues without understanding Iberia's historic role in their development. Many of our faculty teach trans-Atlantic topics dealing with both Latin America and Iberia; indeed, the circumstances of the Conquest and colonization are inseparable from a large number of social, cultural and economic structures that persist today.

Program Requirements:

(Show the new or revised curriculum as it should appear in the Course Catalog. If this is a revision, be sure to indicate the changes being made to the current curriculum and **include a side-by-side comparison** of the credit distribution before and after the proposed change.)

Major Requirements CURRENT

In addition to University and College of Arts & Science requirements for the Bachelor of Arts degree, a major in Latin American Studies requires a minimum of 33 credits as indicated below:

- 15 credits in [Latin American Studies core courses](#)
- 3 credits in [Anthropology courses dealing with Latin America](#)
- 3 credits in [History courses dealing with Latin America](#)
- 3 credits in [Political Science courses dealing with Latin America](#)
- 3 credits in [Spanish courses dealing with Latin American literature](#)
- 6 credits in [elective courses dealing with Latin America](#)

33 credits

Language Requirement

In addition to the 36 credits required of the major, students must complete SPAN 201 or demonstrate equivalent proficiency. Course work in Portuguese is also recommended.

Study Abroad

Study abroad at a Latin American site for either a semester, or a winter or summer session, is highly recommended. The Mexico spring semester is designed for LAS majors and minors.

Advisement and substitutions

In selecting courses for the major, students are encouraged to meet with the Latin American Studies advisor and choose courses that together reflect a regional (e.g. Mexico, Caribbean, Central or South America) or topical (e.g. colonialism, development, culture) focus. Substitutions for specified courses may be made with permission of the Director of Latin American Studies so long as the same disciplinary distribution is maintained.

Major Requirements PROPOSED

In addition to University and College of Arts & Science requirements for the Bachelor of Arts degree, a major in Latin American Studies requires a minimum of 33 credits as indicated below:

- 15 credits in Latin American Studies core courses
- 3 credits in Anthropology courses dealing with Latin America
- 3 credits in History courses dealing with Latin America
- 3 credits in Political Science courses dealing with Latin America
- 3 credits in Spanish courses dealing with Latin American literature
- 6 credits in elective courses dealing with Latin America
- **3 credits Capstone course**

36 credits

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ROUTING AND AUTHORIZATION: (Please do not remove supporting documentation.)

Department Chairperson Persephone Braham (Director) Date Oct 28, 2010

Dean of College _____ Date _____

Chairperson, College Curriculum Committee _____ Date _____

Chairperson, Senate Com. on UG or GR Studies _____ Date _____

Chairperson, Senate Coordinating Com. _____ Date _____

Secretary, Faculty Senate _____ Date _____

Date of Senate Resolution _____ Date to be Effective _____

Registrar _____ Program Code _____ Date _____

Vice Provost for Academic Affairs & International Programs _____ Date _____

Provost _____ Date _____

Board of Trustee Notification _____ Date _____

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