

PROPOSAL TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL POLICY TO ESTABLISH OR MODIFY AN UNDERGRADUATE MINOR

Title of the proposed minor: Minor in Latina/Latino Studies

Sponsor and College Contact: Kelly Ritter, Associate Dean, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, 333-1350, ritterk@illinois.edu

Brief description of the program of study:

Remove LLS 385 Theory and Methods in LLS as a requirement for the minor. The total hours for the minor will thus drop from 21 to 18, which is still consistent with the 16-21 hours of coursework required for minors. We are also dropping the word “Interdisciplinary” from the title of the minor, which is currently “Interdisciplinary Minor in Latina/Latino Studies.” The new title would read “Minor in Latina/Latino Studies.”

Justification: Over the last few years, LLS 385 has developed into a course that provides students with the theory and methods they need to write their senior research paper or senior honors thesis. Since minors are not required to write a senior research paper, they do not need the class. In fact, we have found that minors do not find the course useful.

With respect to the title, while LLS is an interdisciplinary department, having “interdisciplinary” in the title of the minor creates the impression that courses will be taken from a variety of departments, not just from Latina/Latino Studies. The old title also seems to be a remnant from when the ethnic studies units were programs (as opposed to departments) that depended on other units to teach courses for their minors. Since LLS is now a department with robust course offerings, it no longer relies on other departments to offer courses to fulfill requirements for the minor. Having “interdisciplinary” in the title is thus no longer necessary.

Budgetary and Staff Implications:

- a. There will be no additional staff and dollars needed.
- b. No internal reallocations are expected.
- c. There will be no effect on course enrollments in other units.
- d. There will be no impact on the University Library computer use, laboratory use, equipment, etc.

Requirements:

LLS 100	Intro to Latina/Latino Studies	3
Thematic Areas		
Students must take one course in each of the following three areas. A list of courses is maintained in the Department's office.		
A.	Literature, Media, and Culture	3
B.	Race, Gender, and Sexuality	3
C.	History, Politics, and Society	3
2 elective courses selected from the list of all LLS and cross-listed LLS classes		6
Total Hours		18

Prerequisites for the minor: no prerequisites.

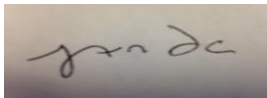
Expected enrollment in the minor: The expectation is that there will be about 50 students enrolled in the minor at any given time, with about 30 graduating each year.

Admission to the minor: All students enrolled in the University are eligible for the minor.

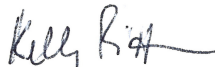
Minor advisor: Students will be advised by the full-time academic advisor of the unit.

Certification of successful completion: The student must maintain a grade point average of 2.75 or higher in minor courses to obtain the minor. The college of the student will confirm whether the minor has been completed, based on the course work designated by LAS. If a Minor Modification Form is needed, LAS will review the course substitutions, in consultation with Latina/Latino Studies if needed, and approve completion of the minor with the college of the student.

CLEARANCES:



Head/chair of the sponsoring department or unit:



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Dean of the college of the sponsoring department or unit:

Chair, Senate Educational Policy Committee:

Proposed Effective Date: Fall 2018

Statement for the Academic Catalog:

OVERVIEW TAB (no edits)

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The Undergraduate Major in Latina/Latino Studies explores the experiences and lives of Latinas/os in the context of the United States. The major provides a broad and deep approach to theory, research, and multidisciplinary study of the Latina/o experience. Students will complete 34 hours of required and elective courses, and a minimum of 18 hours of supporting course work or a minor in an area outside of the major. Students majoring in Latina/Latino Studies receive excellent preparation for graduate study or careers in education, social and welfare policy, counseling, law, public policy, and other fields that address Latino issues.

MAJOR TAB (no edits)

Major in Latina/Latino Studies

Major in Sciences and Letters Curriculum

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Degree title: Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences

Minimum required hours: 52 hours required, including 34 hours in Latina/Latino Studies courses

General education: The LAS General Education requirements will fulfill the [Campus General Education](#) requirements including the campus general education language requirement.

Twelve hours of 300- and 400-level Latina/Latino Studies courses must be taken on this campus.

Minimum hours required for graduation: 120 hours

Advising: The Department of Latina/Latino Studies provides advising for students. Students will also be assigned a faculty advisor to help plan a coherent program in their selected area of study.

Departmental distinction: To graduate with distinction in Latina/Latino Studies, a student must have at least a 3.25 overall GPA, a minimum 3.5 GPA in the major, and complete a senior honors thesis. To complete the honors thesis requires a student to enroll in four hours of [LLS 495](#), normally distributed evenly across two consecutive semesters. Students graduating with at least a 3.5 GPA in the major (and meeting the other conditions) will be awarded Distinction; those with at least a 3.7 GPA in the major will be given High Distinction.

Course List		
Code	Title	Hours
LLS 100	Intro Latina/Latino Studies	3
LLS 385	Theory and Methods in LLS	3
Thematic Areas		
Students must take two courses in each of the following three areas. A list of courses is maintained in the Department's office.		
A. Literature, Media and Culture		6
B. Race, Gender, and Sexuality		6
C. History, Politics, and Society		6
LLS 490	Senior Research Project	4
or LLS 495	Senior Honors Thesis	
LLS Electives selected from the list of all LLS and cross-listed LLS classes		6
Supporting coursework chosen in consultation with an advisor; may be a campus approved minor		18
Total Hours		52

MINOR TAB (edits highlighted yellow)

Minor in Latina/Latino Studies

The Department of Latina/Latino Studies offers a campus-wide minor that provides students with the opportunity to critically explore various facets of U.S. Latina/o social, political, and cultural life. Students will also more generally gain a deeper understanding of race, ethnicity, and diversity in the United States. The Department of Latina/Latino Studies must approve a student's minor course plan.

LLS 100	Intro to Latina/Latino Studies	3
Thematic Areas		
Students must take one course in each of the following three areas. A list of courses is maintained in the Department's office.		
A. Literature, Media, and Culture		3
B. Race, Gender, and Sexuality		3
C. History, Politics, and Society		3
2 elective courses selected from the list of all LLS and cross-listed LLS classes		6
Total Hours		18

No more than 3 hours may be at the 100 level and at least 6 hours must be 300 and 400-level courses.

Students must officially declare their minor by registering with the Latina/Latino Studies advisor.

Completion of the program requires a minimum grade point average of 2.75 (A+ = 4.0) in Latina/Latino Studies courses.

APPENDIX A:

Thematic Areas

A. Literature, Media and Culture

LLS 240: Latina/a Popular Culture
LLS 242: Intro to Latina/o Literature
LLS 250: Latina/os on the Bronze Screen
LLS/ANTH 259: Latina/o Cultures
LLS 301: 19th C US Latina/o Lit-ACP
LLS 360: Contemporary US Latina/o Lit
LLS/MACS 375: Latina/o Media in the US
LLS 410: Writing Latino/a Chicago
LLS 435: Commodifying Difference
LLS 458: Latina/o Performance
LLS/ANTH 472: Border Latina, Latino Cultures

B. Race, Gender, and Sexuality

LLS/AAS 215: US Citizenship Comparatively
LLS 230: Latina/o Genders & Sexualities
LLS 265 Politics of Hip Hop
LLS 320: Gender & Latina/o Migration
LLS 355: Race and Mixed Race
LLS 387: Race, Gender, and the Body
LLS 392: Chicanas&Latinas: Self&Society
LLS 442: Latina Literature
LLS 465: Race, Sex, and Deviance
LLS 479: Race, Medicine, and Society

C. History, Politics, and Society

LLS 220: Mexican & Latin Am Migration
LLS 238 Latina/o Social Movements
LLS 278: Mapping Latina/o Inequalities
LLS 279: Mexican American History
LLS/HIST 280: Caribbean Latina/o Migration
LLS 368: Latinas/os & Public Policy
LLS 370: Latina/o Ethnography
LLS 379: Latina/os and the City
LLS 382: Race and Migration in Chicago
LLS 468: Latinas/os & the Law
LLS 473: Immigration, Health & Society

Controlling department listed second if not Latina/Latino Studies

**APPENDIX B:
Elective Course List**

LLS 100: Intro Latina/Latino Studies
LLS 199: Undergraduate Open Seminar
LLS/AAS 200: U.S. Race and Empire
LLS/PS 201: US Racial & Ethnic Politics
LLS/AAS 215: US Citizenship Comparatively
LLS 220: Mexican & Latin Am Migration
LLS/SOC 227: Latina/Latinos in the Contemporary United States
LLS 230: Latina/o Genders & Sexualities
LLS 238: Latina/o Social Movements
LLS 240: Latina/o Popular Culture
LLS 242: Intro to Latina/o Literature
LLS/SPAN 246: Gender & Sexuality in Latina/o Literature
LLS 250: Latina/os on the Bronze Screen
LLS/AAS 258: Muslims in America
LLS/ANTH 259: Latina/o Cultures
LLS/ARTH 260: Graffiti and Murals
LLS 265: Politics of Hip Hop
LLS 278: Mapping Latina/o Inequalities
LLS 279: Mexican-American History
LLS/HIST 280: Caribbean Latina/o Migration
LLS/HIST 281: Constructing Race in America
LLS 296: Topics Latina/o Studies
LLS 301: 19thC US Latina/o Lit-ACP
LLS 305/AAS 300: Theories of Race, Gender, and Sexuality
LLS/SPAN 308: Spanish in the United States
LLS/EPS 310: Race and Cultural Diversity
LLS/PS 316: Latina/Latino Politics
LLS 320: Gender & Latina/o Migration
LLS/HDFS 322: US Latina and Latino Families
LLS 355: Race and Mixed Race
LLS 360: Contemporary US Latina/o Lit
LLS 368: Latinas/os & Public Policy
LLS 370: Latina/o Ethnography
LLS 372/AAS 370: Immigration, Law, and Rights
LLS/MACS 375: Latina/o Media in the US
LLS 377/AAS 375: Prisons, Race, and Terror
LLS/HIST 378: La Latina
LLS 379: Latina/os and the City
LLS 382: Race and Migration in Chicago
LLS 385: Theory and Methods in LLS
LLS 387: Race, Gender and the Body
LLS 390: Independent Study

LLS/HIST 391: Oral History Methods
LLS 392: Chicanas&Latinas: Self&Society
LLS 396: Adv Topics Latina/o Studies
LLS 410: Writing Latina/o Chicago
LLS/SOCW 412: Hispanics in the U.S.
LLS/CI 433: Found of Bilingual Educ
LLS 435: Commodifying Difference
LLS 442: Latina Literature
LLS/CI 449: Issues in Latina/o Educ
LLS 458: Latina/o Performance
LLS 465: Race, Sex, and Deviance
LLS/ANTH 472: Border Latina, Latino Cultures
LLS 473: Immigration, Health & Society
LLS 475/HIST 476: History of the American West
LLS 479: Race, Medicine, and Society
LLS 490: Senior Research Project
LLS 495: Senior Honors Thesis
LLS 496: Seminar in Latina/o Studies

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Appendix C
Comparative Table of Proposed Changes

Current Requirements	Current Hours	Proposed Requirements	Proposed Hours
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B. Race, Gender, and Sexuality	3	B. Race, Gender, and Sexuality	3
C. History, Politics, and Society	3	C. History, Politics, and Society	3
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Total Hours	21	Total Hours	18

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October 30, 2017

Gay Miller, Chair
Senate Committee on Educational Policy
Office of the Senate
228 English Building, MC-461

Dear Professor Miller:

Enclosed is a copy of a proposal from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences rename and revise the undergraduate minor in Latina/Latino Studies.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kathryn A. Martensen'.

Kathryn A. Martensen
Assistant Provost

Enclosures

c: K. Ritter
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October 27, 2017

Kathryn Martensen
Associate Provost
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MC-304

Dear Kathy:

The Committee on Courses and Curricula on behalf of the Faculty of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences has voted to approve the following proposal:

Revision and Retitle of the Interdisciplinary Minor in Latina/Latino Studies

Please address all correspondence concerning this proposal to me. This proposal is now ready for review by the Senate Educational Policy Committee for proposed implementation in Fall 2018.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Kelly Ritter'.

Kelly Ritter
Associate Dean

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C: Professor Jonathan Inda