We request implementation of the following program changes with the next possible Undergraduate Catalog. The changes include the creation of two different emphases within the standard major. One emphasis represents the current standard major with some revisions and a new title, while the other is a newly-created option for students. We also intend to add optional concentration areas for all LAS academic programs. These changes were approved by the Latin American Studies Program Committee on May 10, 2013.

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MAJOR: LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES, Liberal Arts (Code 340-202)

Minimum 36 semester credits including:

Required courses—minimum of 20 credits:
LAS 150 Introduction to Latin American Studies
LAS 450 Capstone for Latin American Studies (minimum one credit)
Span 202 Intermediate Spanish II or
Span 232 Communication in the Professions II
Span 301 Advanced Composition
Span 302 Advanced Conversation and Composition
Span/LAS 352 Contemporary Latin American Civilization
Span/LAS 367 Survey of Latin American Literature
and one of the following:
Span/LAS 312 Latinos in the U.S.
Span/LAS 475 Topics in Latin American Literature
Span/LAS 476 The Novel in Latin America I: 1850-1950
Span/LAS 477 The Novel in Latin America II: 1950-present
Span/LAS 480 Latin American Literatures and Film
Span/Wmns 482 Women in Latin American Literature
Span 491 Special Topics (Latin American topics only)

Electives—a minimum of 11 credits:
Anth/Wmns 356 Women in Cross-Cultural Perspective
ArtH/AIS 335 Ancient Art and Architecture of Mexico and Central America
ArtH/AIS 337 Art of Tawantinsuyo
Econ 355 Economic Development of the Third World
Econ/LAS 356 Economic Development of Latin America
Fltr/LAS 350 Latin American Literature in Translation
Geog/LAS 321 Geography of Latin America
Hnrs 304 Honors Colloquium (when offered as Crossing Borders: Discourses from Latin America)
Hist/LAS 309 Latin America Through Independence
Hist/LAS 311 Latin America Since Independence
LAS 390 Latin American Studies Immersion Experience
LAS 395 Directed Studies
LAS 488 Internship
LAS 491 Special Topics
Math 107 Mathematics in Latin American Cultures
Pols/LAS 319 Politics of Latin America
Pols/LAS 320 Caribbean Politics
Rels/AIS 330 Indigenous Religions of the Americas
Soc 312 Race and Ethnicity in the U.S. or
Soc 314 Social Class and Inequality
or equivalent courses offered in the study abroad programs
Note 1: Students may earn a total of six credits from LAS 488 and LAS 498, but only three credits can count for the major.
Note 2: LAS students may earn credit toward their major or minor for either Soc 312 or Soc 314 but not both courses.

**Language Immersion Requirement:** Liberal Arts majors must complete an appropriate period of language immersion in residence in an approved academic program in a Latin American country. Students facing extenuating circumstances may participate in an alternative domestic language immersion experience pre-approved and determined in conjunction with the LAS Committee from the following options: National Student Exchange, internship, or volunteer work. The minimum time period for meeting the residence/immersion requirement is six weeks. However, the Latin American Studies Program recommends that students spend at least one semester abroad.

**To: Revised major requirements and new title**

**MAJOR: LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES, Language Emphasis**

Liberal Arts (Code 340-20X)

Minimum 36 semester credits including:

**Required courses—**

15-18 credits:
- LAS 150 Introduction to Latin American Studies
- LAS 222 Introduction to U.S. Latino History and Culture or LAS/Span 312 Latinos in the U.S.
- LAS/Span 352 Latin American Civilization or LAS/Span 354 (in development)
- LAS 450 Capstone for Latin American Studies (minimum one credit)
- Span 301 Advanced Composition
- Span 302 Advanced Conversation and Composition

At least 9 credits from the following:
- LAS/Span 367 Survey of Latin American Literature
- LAS/Span 475 Topics in Latin American Literature
- LAS/Span 476 The Novel in Latin America I: 1850-1950
- LAS/Span 477 The Novel in Latin America II: 1950-present
- LAS/Span 480 Latin American Literature and Film
- Span 306 Business Culture in the Spanish Speaking World
- Span 320 Spanish for the Health Professions I: Translation
- Span 325 Phonetics and Pronunciation
- Span 340 Spanish for Business
- Span 405 Advanced Conversation
- Span 409 The Craft of Translation
- Span 410 Advanced Grammar
- Span 420 Spanish for Health Professions II: Interpretation
- Span 421 Government, Business, and Media in Spain and Latin America
- Span 440 Spanish Business Writing
- Span/Wmns 482 Women in Latin American Literature
- Span 491 Special Topics (Latin American or Phonetics topics only)

**Electives—a minimum of 9 credits**:  
- Anth/Wmns 356 Women in Cross-Cultural Perspective  
- ArtH/AIS 335 Ancient Art and Architecture of Mexico and Central America  
- ArtH/AIS 337 Art of Tawantinsuyo  
- Biol 182 Ecosystems of Latin America  
- Hnrs 304 Honors Colloquium (when offered as Crossing Borders: Discourses from Latin America)  
- LAS/Hist 309 Latin America Through Independence  
- LAS/Hist 311 Latin America Since Independence  
- LAS 314 Music and Dance of Latin America  
- LAS/Pols 319 Politics of Latin America  
- LAS/Pols 320 Caribbean Politics  
- LAS/Geog 321 Geography of Latin America  
- LAS/Fltr 350 Latin American Literature in Translation  
- LAS/Econ 356 Economic Development of Latin America  
- LAS 390 Latin American Studies Immersion Experience
LAS 395 Directed Studies
LAS 488 Internship**
LAS 491 Special Topics
LAS 498 Internship with Language Immersion**
Math 107 Mathematics in Latin American Cultures
Rels/AIS 330 Indigenous Religions of the Americas
Soc 312 Race and Ethnicity in the U.S. or
Soc 314 Social Class and Inequality
Wmns 422 Women’s Studies Advanced Travel Seminar (when offered as Women in Nicaragua)

*or equivalent courses offered in the study abroad programs

**Note: Students may earn a total of six credits from LAS 488 and LAS 498, but only three credits can count for the major.

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Why: Program revisions will permit more flexibility for students in terms of the Spanish and LAS courses they take. The emphasis includes greater focus on language acquisition and this is reflected in the new title. Program also eliminated existing overlap in the content in Economics electives.

From: One emphasis within the LAS Standard Major

To: Creation of a second emphasis within the LAS Standard major:

MAJOR: LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES, Culture, Language and Society Emphasis,
Liberal Arts (Code 340-20X)

Minimum 36 semester credits including:

Required courses—15 to 18 credits:
LAS 150 Introduction to Latin American Studies
LAS 222 Introduction to U.S. Latino History and Culture or
LAS/Span 312 Latinos in the U.S.
LAS/Span 352 Latin American Civilization or
LAS/SPAN 354 (in development)
LAS 450 Capstone for Latin American Studies (minimum one credit)
Span 301 Advanced Composition
Span 302 Advanced Conversation and Composition

Electives—a minimum of 18 credits*
At least 12 credits from the following:
Anth/Wmns 356 Women in Cross-Cultural Perspective
ArtH/AIS 335 Ancient Art and Architecture of Mexico and Central America
ArtH/AIS 337 Art of Tawantinsuyo
Biol 182 Ecosystems of Latin America
Hnrs 304 Honors Colloquium (when offered as Crossing Borders: Discourses from Latin America)
LAS/Hist 309 Latin America Through Independence
LAS/Hist 311 Latin America Since Independence
LAS 314 Music and Dance of Latin America
LAS/Pols 319 Politics of Latin America
LAS/ Pols 320 Caribbean Politics
LAS/Geog 321 Geography of Latin America
LAS/Fltr 350 Latin American Literature in Translation
LAS/Econ 356 Economic Development of Latin America
LAS 390 Latin American Studies Immersion Experience
LAS 395 Directed Studies
LAS 488 Internship**
LAS 491 Special Topics
LAS 498 Internship with Language Immersion**
Math 107 Mathematics in Latin American Cultures
Rels/AIS 330 Indigenous Religions of the Americas
Soc 312 Race and Ethnicity in the U.S. or
   Soc 314 Social Class and Inequality
Wmns 422 Women’s Studies Advanced Travel Seminar (when offered as Women in Nicaragua)

Maximum of 6 credits from the following:
LAS/Span 367 Survey of Latin American Literature
LAS/Span 475 Topics in Latin American Literature
LAS/Span 476 The Novel in Latin America I: 1850-1950
LAS/Span 477 The Novel in Latin America II: 1950-present
LAS/Span 480 Latin American Literature and Film
Span 306 Business Culture in the Spanish Speaking World
Span 320 Spanish for the Health Professions I: Translation
Span 325 Phonetics and Pronunciation
Span 340 Spanish for Business
Span 405 Advanced Conversation
Span 409 The Craft of Translation
Span 410 Advanced Grammar
Span 420 Spanish for Health Professions II: Interpretation
Span 421 Government, Business, and Media in Spain and Latin America
Span 440 Spanish Business Writing
Span/Wmns 482 Women in Latin American Literature
Span 491 Special Topics (Latin American or Phonetics topics only

*or equivalent courses offered in the study abroad programs

**Note: Students may earn a total of six credits from LAS 488 and LAS 498, but only three credits can count for the major.

Language Immersion Requirement: Liberal Arts majors must complete an appropriate period of language immersion in residence in an approved academic program in a Latin American country. Students facing extenuating circumstances may participate in an alternative domestic language immersion experience pre-approved and determined in conjunction with the LAS Committee from the following options:
   National Student Exchange, internship, or volunteer work. The minimum time period for meeting the residence/immersion requirement is six weeks. However, the Latin American Studies Program recommends that students spend at least one semester abroad.

Why: The creation of this new emphasis in the LAS Standard Major will allow students to focus on LAS electives while achieving proficiency in Spanish. Emphasis also provides more flexibility of course selection in terms of LAS and Spanish electives.
Note: In addition to the program changes noted above, new optional concentrations are being added to all LAS academic programs to allow students to structure their Latin American Studies major or minor electives to demonstrate expertise in a particular substantive area.

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Optional Concentrations: Students interested in demonstrating their expertise in a particular substantive area may choose to create an optional concentration. Students should consult their advisor to discuss the following concentrations or to develop other areas of expertise. Optional concentrations consist of a minimum of 12 credits.

First Nations:
Arth/AIS 335 Ancient Art and Architecture of Mexico and Central America
Arth/AIS 337 Art of Tawantinsuyo
Math 107 Mathematics in Latin American Cultures
RelS/AIS 330 Indigenous Religions of the Americas

Development:
Anth/Wmns 356 Women in Cross-Cultural Perspective
LAS/Econ 356 Economic Development of Latin America
LAS/Pols 319 Politics of Latin America
LAS/Pols 320 Caribbean Politics
LAS/Geog 321 Geography of Latin America

History:
Arth/AIS 335 Ancient Art and Architecture of Mexico and Central America
Arth/AIS 337 Art of Tawantinsuyo
LAS 222 Introduction to U.S. Latino History and Culture
LAS/Hist 309 Latin America Through Independence
LAS/Hist 311 Latin America Since Independence

Cultural Studies:
Arth/AIS 335 Ancient Art and Architecture of Mexico and Central America
Arth/AIS 337 Art of Tawantinsuyo
LAS 222 Introduction to U.S. Latino History and Culture
LAS 314 Music and Dance of Latin America
LAS/Fltr 350 Latin American Literature in Translation
LAS 491 Special Topics (when topic relates to cultural studies)

Women’s Studies:
Anth/Wmns 356 Women in Cross-Cultural Perspective
LAS/Econ 356 Economic Development of Latin America
Wmns/Span 482 Women in Latin American Literature
Wmns 422 Women’s Studies Advanced Travel Seminar (when offered as Women in Nicaragua)

Spanish for Business/Health:
SPAN 409 The Craft of Translation
SPAN 410 Advanced Grammar
SPAN 420 Spanish for Health Professions II: Interpretation
SPAN 421 Government, Business, and Media in Spain and Latin America
SPAN 440 Spanish Business Writing
**Spanish—Language and Literature:**
LAS/Span 367 Survey of Latin American Literature
LAS/Span 475 Topics in Latin American Literature
LAS/Span 476 The Novel in Latin America I: 1850-1950
LAS/Span 477 The Novel in Latin America II: 1950-present
LAS/Span 480 Latin American Literature and Film
SPAN 325 Phonetics and Pronunciation
SPAN 405 Advanced Conversation
SPAN 409 The Craft of Translation
SPAN 410 Advanced Grammar
SPAN 491 Special Topics (Latin American or Phonetics topics only)

**Sustainability:**
BIOL 182 Ecosystems of Latin America
BIOL 320 Studies in Tropical Environments (when relates to Latin America)
LAS/Econ 356 Economic Development of Latin America
LAS/Geog 321 Geography of Latin America