PROPOSAL FOR NEW STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM
*Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú (PUCP) Semester or Year Exchange (INTX) and Study Abroad (INTA)*

**RATIONALE:** Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú (PUCP) provides an opportunity for students with high intermediate to advanced Spanish to experience direct enrollment in a university setting. The program will be open to students from all majors. However, they will need at least five to six semesters of university-level Spanish to be eligible. As such, the target population for this program will most likely be Spanish majors and minors and Latin American Studies majors and minors. For Latin American Studies (LAS) students, it would diversify the country options beyond Chile and Costa Rica, which are currently the most utilized options for LAS students.

Finally, the approval of this program is part of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed between UW-Eau Claire (UWEC) and Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú (PUCP), which is being implemented with support from the Department to Department initiative of the Council on Internationalization and Global Engagement (CIGE). The MOU includes a clause on student mobility and was signed by Dr. James Schmidt, UW-Eau Claire Chancellor, and Dr. Marical Rubio Correa, Rector of PUCP in February 2015.

**ENROLLMENT LIMITS:** Per the agreement, each university is initially allowed four semester spaces per year under the exchange option (INTX). Semester exchange spaces may be increased based on demand. Under the exchange option (INTX), students pay their home campus tuition. The study abroad option (INTA) has no enrollment limits of which we are aware at the present time.

**ACADEMIC LOGISTICS:**
- **How are grades reported?** Grades are reported on a PUCP transcript in Spanish.
- **What language is used on the above document?** Spanish. For the semester and year exchange, all course titles and descriptions will be in Spanish. Dr. Eric Torres, Education Studies, has agreed to translate the transcript and course description as needed.
- **What credit system is used and how does it translate into U.S. credits?** PUCP has a similar crediting system to a U.S. semester system. Each course has a value expressed in credits. One PUCP credit is equivalent to one hour of taught classes a week throughout the semester, or at least two hours a week of practical classes. Each semester has 17 weeks of classes. Courses could have from 2 to 5 credits depending on the difficulty level. The final transcript in Spanish will show the courses with the number of PUCP credits.
- **How is course level determined?** PUCP has a five-degree program at the undergraduate level. Per Maria Jose Guardia Rouillon, Section Head of Student
Mobility at PUCP, the division of courses start with 100 which correspond to general education- humanities or sciences, then from 200 – 500 are the courses from the colleges and professional schools, and the level 600 corresponds to the postgraduate level courses.

- **What grade scale is used and what is the conversion to UWEC grades?** PUCP use a grading scale from 0-20 as can be seen in the “Scale 1” below in the World Education Services (WES) grade conversion scale. We recommend the WES scaled be used with a minor alteration. The passing grade will be “11” as “11” is considered passing at PUCP.

**Per World Education Services (WES)**

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| **Curriculum:** Under this program, students will become non-degree students at PUCP for a semester or a year. They will enroll in undergraduate-level course work taught in Spanish with other PUCP students provided UWEC students meet the pre-requisites for the classes. Students are allowed to take courses across academic departments. PUCP does close some courses to exchange students due to high demand from degree-seeking students. Courses especially from Liberal Art – Humanities, Social Sciences and Communication Sciences and Arts may be restricted. Per the PUCP [website](http://www.pucp.edu.pe/en/undergraduate/students/studies/majors/), course schedules are published a month prior to the first day of class. Students will need to be flexible regarding course selection.


Per the [PUCP website](http://www.pucp.edu.pe/en/undergraduate/students/studies/majors/), international “students have also the possibility of obtaining the Certificate of Peruvian Studies. Among the courses offered by the University are a large number of regular courses with emphasis on Peruvian and South American culture, which will be of special interest for overseas students. The "Certificate of Peruvian Studies" will be awarded to those foreign students who have satisfactorily completed a number of specialized courses in Peruvian studies in the fields of humanities and social sciences, with a minimum score of 13 in all the courses taken. Both those students who study during a period of one academic semester, and those who stay for a year, are required to accumulate a minimum of 12 credits in courses of this type. This does not prevent students from combining the study of courses related to Peruvian themes which are valid for obtaining the Certificate with other regular courses offered by the University. To
study for the "Certificate of Peruvian Studies" does not imply any additional cost for the student. Some courses are concerned with Peruvian themes and it is suggested that students use them to create a study program that will enable to obtain the 12 credits required."

Students may also have the opportunity to take intensive Spanish during the semester but course work begins at the intermediate level and depends on availability. The cost of these courses is not covered under their exchange benefits. Students would be responsible for paying fees for intensive language directly to PUCP.

**ACCOMMODATIONS:** PUCP does not have on-campus accommodation. However, per the agreement, “PUCP will provide exchange students with all possible assistance in looking for suitable accommodation.” Maria Jose Guardia Rouillon, Section Head of Student Mobility, indicate that PUCP gives students a list of recommended housing options in private homes. Rent will cost approximately $350 to $450 per month according to PUCP.

**CALENDAR:** The PUCP academic year runs March through December. The 2015 academic calendar can be found below. Students wishing to study for the year will be advised to study at PUCP for the calendar year instead of the UW-Eau Claire academic year.

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ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: Although the relationship with PUCP was initiated by Education Studies according to the officially signed MOU, the semester and year exchange will be open to all qualified UWEC students. UW-Eau Claire would be able to set the eligibility requirements for the semester/year program. Students will be required to have a 2.8 GPA with five to six semester of college-level Spanish. Actual Spanish level will be set in consultation with the Spanish section in the Department of Languages.

The memorandum of understanding between PUCP and UWEC also states the following, “Clear guidelines for underrepresented minorities inclusion should be part of the selection process.” The term “underrepresented minorities” will be broadly defined to include race, gender (male in the case of study abroad), and students with financial need. The CIE will work with Teresa O’Halloran in Affirmative Action Office to develop appropriate language to be placed on the UWEC program brochure page for the PUCP program.

FOREIGN CULTURE REQUIREMENT: Eligible students would fulfill their full foreign culture by participating on one semester of the program.

INTEGRATED (IL)-LIBERAL EDUCATION CORE: All participants would be eligible for Integrated Learning (IL) to be applied to this experience provided students attend the mandatory workshops and complete the required assignments.