

TO: College of Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee
FROM: Manuel Fernández, Program Director
Latin American Studies (LAS) Program
DATE: 9/30/19
RE: Program Change

We request implementation of the following program changes with the next possible *Catalog*. The Latin American Studies (LAS) Committee discussed and approved the proposed name change to the overall program, and to the majors, minor, and certificate, at its meeting of September 27, 2019.

From:

Latin American Studies Language Emphasis Major (Code 340-203):
<http://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/latin-american-studies/latin-american-studies-major-language-ba-bs/>

Latin American Studies Culture and Society Emphasis Major (Code 340-205):
<http://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/latin-american-studies/latin-american-studies-major-culture-society-ba-bs/>

Latin American Studies Minor (Code 340-402): <http://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/latin-american-studies/latin-american-studies-minor/>

Latin American Studies Certificate (Code 340-601): <http://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/latin-american-studies/latin-american-studies-certificate/>

To: We are requesting to change the name of our overall program and of our majors, minor and certificate to include “and Latinx” in all.

Please change as follows:

FROM: The Latin American Studies Program
TO: The Latin American and Latinx Studies Program

FROM: Major: Latin American Studies, Liberal Arts, Language Emphasis (Code 340-203)
TO: Major: Latin American and Latinx Studies, Liberal Arts, Language Emphasis (Code XXX-XXX)

FROM: Major: Latin American Studies, Liberal Arts, Culture and Society Emphasis (Code 340-205)
TO: Major: Latin American and Latinx Studies, Liberal Arts, Culture and Society Emphasis (Code XXX-XXX)

FROM: Minor: Latin American Studies, Liberal Arts (Code 340-402)
TO: Minor: Latin American and Latinx Studies, Liberal Arts (Code XXX-XXX)

FROM: Certificate: Latin American Studies (Code 340-601)
TO: Certificate: Latin American and Latinx Studies (Code XXX-XXX)

Why: The decision to change the name of our overall program arises both from our own experience and thoughts about our program identity over the past few years and from comments and observations made by our external reviewer during our 2018-19 program review.

Our program has always included courses either entirely focused on Latinx peoples in the United States, such as LAS 222 Introduction to US Latino History and Culture, or courses in which material relevant to the topic has been included or addressed.

With this proposed change, our program more explicitly communicates its intent to help students learn about both international and global issues as well as more local and national issues affecting Latinx peoples when they migrate beyond Latin America to the US or elsewhere. Whether focused on Latin America, the US, or elsewhere, the issues of equity, diversity and inclusivity are always part of the discussion, and this change additionally makes our program more inclusive.