

**PROPOSAL TO CLOSE EXCHANGE and STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS
PONTIFICA UNIVERSIDAD CATÓLICA DEL PERÚ (PUCP)
EXCHANGE (INTX 438) AND STUDY ABROAD (INTA 437 AND 438)**

RATIONALE:

UW-Eau Claire signed a five-year agreement for study abroad and student exchange with PUCP in 2015. The agreement included provisions for faculty collaboration and research as well as study abroad and exchange. The successful portion of the relationship has been the faculty collaboration and faculty/student collaborative research.

- In five years, 2 UWEC students have participated - one for a semester exchange, one for a summer study abroad.
- No PUCP students have traveled to UWEC under the exchange relationship. PUCP indicated early in the relationship that they were unlikely to send students to UWEC due to travel and housing costs.
- Education Studies, Geography and Latin American Studies were the UWEC departments involved in the initial agreement; all departments have indicated that they have no objections to canceling the exchange or study abroad portion of the relationship.
- The agreement has now expired; PUCP has not responded to inquiries about whether or not they would like to continue the relationship in a modified form which focuses on faculty collaboration. If they do respond, the agreement could be renewed to focus on faculty research collaboration.

Given the above, we propose to close the program and remove the above course numbers from the catalog.