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Institution: **The University of Texas System**

Chief Academic Officer/Other Contact - **Dr. Kevin Lemoine / Ms. Renee Collins**

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Request Information

1. Which institution is this for?

The University of Texas at Austin

2. What type of request is this?

New degree program

3. Short summary of request.

UT Austin's request to establish a Bachelor of Arts in Mexican American and Latina/o Studies.

4. Program director's name, title, phone, and e-mail (*if applicable*).

None

5. Upload up to three PDF-formatted files with pertinent information - up to 15MB each.

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6. Comments Made:

None



November 4, 2016

Dr. Rex Peebles
Assistant Commissioner
Academic Quality and Workforce
Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
1200 East Anderson Lane
Interagency Mail

Dear Dr. Peebles:

The University of Texas at Austin proposes to establish a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in Mexican American and Latina/o Studies. The degree will be housed in the Department of Mexican American and Latina/o Studies within the College of Liberal Arts.

I have approved this request under authority delegated by The University of Texas System Board of Regents. A copy of the certification form signed on behalf of The University of Texas System Board of Regents is enclosed.

Sincerely,

Steven W. Leslie, Ph.D.
Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs
The University of Texas System Administration

SWL/rdc

cc: President Gregory Fenves
Dr. Maurie McInnis
General Counsel to the Board of Regents Francie Frederick

Certification Form for New Bachelor's and Master's Programs Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

Directions: An institution shall use this form to request a new bachelor's or master's degree program that meets all criteria for approval in Coordinating Board Rules, Chapter 5, Subchapter C, Section 5.44:

- (a) The program has institutional and governing board approval; (b) the program complies with the *Standards for Bachelor's and Master's Programs*; (c) adequate funds are available to cover the costs of the new program; (d) new costs during the first five years of the program will not exceed \$2 million; (e) the program is a non-engineering program (i.e., not classified under CIP code 14); and (f) the program will be offered by a university or health-related institution.

If a new bachelor's or master's program does not meet the criteria above, an institution must submit a request using the *Form for Requesting a New Bachelor's and Master's Degree Program*.

Information: Contact the Division of Academic Quality and Workforce at 512/427-6200 for more information.

Administrative Information

1. **Institution:** The University of Texas at Austin
2. **Program Name:** Bachelor of Arts in Mexican American and Latina/o Studies
3. **Proposed CIP Code:** 05.0203.0001
4. **Number of Required Semester Credit Hours (SCHs)**¹: 120
5. **Administrative Unit:** Department of Mexican American and Latina/o Studies
6. **Delivery Mode:** Traditional face-to-face delivery
7. **Implementation Date:** Fall 2016
8. **Contact Person:**

Nicole Guidotti-Hernandez, Department Chair, ngh24@austin.utexas.edu, 512-232-6313
And
Natasha Saldana, Academic Program Coordinator, nvs@austin.utexas.edu, 512-471-2134

¹ Bachelor's degrees should not exceed 120 SCH per Board rule 5.44 (a) (3). Those that exceed 120 SCH must provide detailed documentation describing the compelling academic reason for the number of required hours, such as programmatic accreditation requirements, statutory requirements, or licensure/certification requirements that cannot be met without exceeding the 120-hour limit.

Signature Page

I hereby certify that all of the following criteria have been met in accordance with the procedures outlined in Coordinating Board Rules, Chapter 5, Subchapter C, Section 5.44:

- (a) The program has institutional and governing board approval.
- (b) The program complies with the *Standard's for New Bachelor's and Master's Programs*.
- (c) Adequate funds are available to cover the costs of the new program.
- (d) New costs during the first five years of the program will not exceed \$2 million.
- (e) The program is a non-engineering program (i.e., not classified under CIP code 14).
- (f) The program will be offered by a university or health-related institution.

I hereby certify that my institution has notified all public institutions within 50 miles of the teaching site of our intention to offer the program at least 30 days prior to submitting this request. I also certify that if any objections were received, those objections were resolved prior to the submission of this request.



Chief Executive Officer

11/2/16

Date

I hereby certify that the Board of Regents has approved this program.

Date of Board of Regents approval: _____



Board of Regents (or Designee)

11/4/16

Date



EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT AND PROVOST
THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN

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October 27, 2016

Dr. Steven Leslie
Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs
The University of Texas System
OHH 304 (P4300)

Dear Dr. Leslie:

Enclosed for your approval is the proposal to create a new Bachelor of Arts degree in Mexican American and Latina/o Studies in the Department of Mexican American and Latina/o Studies. The Mexican American Studies degree was formerly a concentration in Ethnic Studies; yet with the creation of the Department of MALS in 2014, we wish to create a standalone BA in MALS, matching the department name. The proposal has undergone a 30-day review period by public institutions within 50 miles of The University of Texas at Austin, with no objections. The authority to grant final approval on this proposal resides with Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Maurie McInnis".

Maurie McInnis
Executive Vice President and Provost

MM: lac

Enclosure

cc: Gregory L. Fenves, President

ec: Hillary Hart, Secretary, Office of the General Faculty
Carol Longoria, Assistant Deputy to the President
Richard Flores, Senior Associate Dean, College of Liberal Arts
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Debbie Roberts, Executive Assistant, Office of the General Faculty
Victoria Cervantes, Sr. Administrative Associate, Office of the General Faculty