DOCUMENTS OF THE GENERAL FACULTY

PROPOSAL TO CREATE A MEXICAN AMERICAN AND LATINA/O STUDIES MINOR IN THE COLLEGE OF THE LIBERAL ARTS CHAPTER IN THE UNDERGRADUATE CATALOG 2018-2020

Dean Randy L. Diehl, in the College of Liberal Arts has filed with the Secretary of the Faculty Council the following proposal to create a Mexican American and Latina/o Studies minor the College of Liberal Arts chapter in the *Undergraduate Catalog*, 2018-2020. The MALS Faculty Committee approved the proposal on August 18, 2017; it was approved by the College of Liberal Arts Curriculum Design and Assessment Committee on September 5, 2017. The Senior Associate Dean, Richard Flores, on behalf of Dean, Randy L. Diehl, approved the proposal on September 22, 2017. The Secretary has classified this proposal as legislation of exclusive interest to one college or school.

The Committee on Undergraduate Degree Program Review recommended approval of the proposal on February 2, 2018, and forwarded it to the Office of the General Faculty. The Faculty Council has the authority to approve this legislation on behalf of the General Faculty. The authority to grant final approval on this legislation resides with the Provost on behalf of the President.

If no objection is filed with the Office of the General Faculty by the date specified below, the legislation will be held to have been approved by the Faculty Council. If an objection is filed within the prescribed period, the legislation will be presented to the Faculty Council at its next meeting. The objection, with reasons, must be signed by a member of the Faculty Council.

To be counted, a protest must be received in the Office of the General Faculty by March 13, 2018.

Alan W. Friedman, Secretary of the General Faculty and Faculty Council

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Arthur J. Thaman and Wilhelmina Doré Thaman Professor of English and Comparative Literature

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1.	TYPE OF PROPOSAL:	New Transcript-Recognized Minor	
		☐ Change an Existing Transcript-Recognized Minor	
		☐ Delete a Transcript-Recognized Minor	

- 2. OFFICIAL NAME: Mexican American and Latina/o Studies Minor
- 3. FIELD OF STUDY, CIP CODE (administrative unit awarding the certificate): 05.0203
- 4. STATEMENT OF OBJECTIVE: The minor is designed to introduce students to the historical and social variability that exist in the Latino community in the US. Students will have the opportunity to study the cultural, linguistic, and political dimensions of Latino life as well as literary traditions and gendered dimensions of everyday life.
- 5. ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENT (IF ANY): None.
- 6. NUMBER OF STUDENTS EXPECTED TO RECEIVE THE TRANSCRIPT-RECOGNIZED MINOR EACH SEMESTER: 10
- 7. ANTICIPATED ENROLLMENT CAPACITY? 80
- 8. NUMBER OF HOURS REQUIRED FOR COMPLETION: 15
- 9. COMPOSITION OF THE MINOR FACULTY COMMITTEE (INCLUDING THE COMMITTEE CHAIR):

Name of Faculty Member	College/Department	Title at UT Austin	Highest Degree and Awarding Institution
Deborah Parra-	Liberal	Professor	Ph.D., University of
Medina	Arts/Mexican		California - San Diego
	American &		
	Latina/o Studies		
Richard Flores	Liberal	Professor	Ph.D., University of
	Arts/Mexican		Texas at Austin
	American &		
	Latina/o Studies		
Laura Gutierrez	Liberal	Associate Professor	Ph.D., University of
	Arts/Mexican		Wisconsin - Madison
	American &		
	Latina/o Studies		
Karma Chavez	Liberal	Associate Professor	Ph.D., Arizona State
	Arts/Mexican		University
	American &		
	Latina/o Studies		
Julie Minich	Liberal	Associate Professor	Ph.D., Stanford
	Arts/Mexican		University
	American &		-
	Latina/o Studies		

10. Academic Course Requirements: Use this table to identify the courses that qualify for this certificate program.

Course	Course Title	SCH
Abbreviation		
and Number		
MAS 301	Introduction to Mexican American and Latina/o Studies	3
MAS 307	Introduction to Mexican American Cultural Studies	3
MAS 308	Introduction to Mexican American Policy Studies, or Mexican	3
	American Studies	
MAS 309	Bilingualism in the Americas	3
MAS 361	Mexican American Cultural Studies Seminar	3
MAS 362	Mexican American Policy Studies Seminar	3
MAS 363	Sociolinguistics for Mexican American and Latina/o Studies	3

11. OTHER MINOR REQUIREMENTS: None.

12. COLLEGE/SCHOOL APPROVAL PROCESS:

Department approval date: August 18, 2017 MALS Faculty Committee

College approval date: September 5, 2017 COLA Curriculum Design & Assessment Committee

Dean approval date: September 22, 2017 COLA Faculty

PROPOSED NEW CATALOG TEXT:

Mexican American and Latina/O Studies Minor

Fifteen semester credit hours total, including six hours upper-division and eight hours in residence:

- 1. Mexican American Studies 301, Introduction to Mexican American and Latina/o Studies
- 2. Three semester credit hours, chosen from Mexican American Studies 307, Introduction to Mexican American Cultural Studies, Mexican American Studies 308, Introduction to Mexican American Policy Studies, and Mexican American Studies 309, Bilingualism in the Americas
- 3. Three semester credit hours, chosen from Mexican American Studies 361, Mexican American Cultural
 Studies Seminar, Mexican American Studies 362, Mexican American Policy Studies Seminar, and Mexican
 American Studies 363, Sociolinguistics for Mexican American and Latina/o Studies
- 4. Six additional semester credit hours Mexican American Latina/o Studies, including three upper-division