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February 13, 2021

To: The Undergraduate Council (UGC) UMBC  
From: Nicole King, Chair, AMST  
Re: Minor in Latin American Studies

Dear UGC Members,

This letter is to express the Department of American Studies' full support of the proposed minor in Latin American Studies. We believe that the minor will provide students with the opportunity to learn about Latin America from the perspective and methods of different fields. The minor will be a valuable addition to the range of programmatic offerings in CAHSS.

We are pleased that our course(s) AMST 345: Indigenous Heritage, AMST 372: American Food, and AMST 403: Food Ethnography will be offered as minor electives. We expect to be able to offer these courses regularly with enough space for Latin American Studies minors to enroll.

We value contributing to an important interdisciplinary program in our College.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nicole King". The signature is stylized and cursive.

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**From:** James Smalls [smalls@umbc.edu](mailto:smalls@umbc.edu)  
**Subject:** Re: Permission to include an ART course in our electives for minor  
**Date:** February 10, 2021 at 5:28 PM  
**To:** Ana Oskoz [oscoz@umbc.edu](mailto:oscoz@umbc.edu)



Ana,

The Visual Arts Department is in full support of and approves your request for ART 424: Contemporary Non-Western Art to be included among the electives for the Latin American Studies minor. Please let me know if you need anything else to facilitate this.

Best,  
James

On Tue, Feb 9, 2021 at 1:23 PM Ana Oskoz <[oscoz@umbc.edu](mailto:oscoz@umbc.edu)> wrote:

Dear James,

Hope this message finds you well.

The MLLI Spanish area is submitting to the UGC the attached proposal for a Minor in Latin American Studies. We propose an interdisciplinary program where students can learn about Latin America from the perspectives and methods of different fields as well as develop their Spanish language skills through advanced Spanish language and content courses.

We would like to include your *ART 424: Contemporary Non-Western Art* course in our electives for the minor.

Please let us know as soon as possible if you are agreeable to including your course(s) in the offerings for the Minor in Latin American Studies.

Best regards,  
Ana

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**From:** David Mitch [mitch@umbc.edu](mailto:mitch@umbc.edu)  
**Subject:** Re: Permission to include an ECON course in our electives for minor  
**Date:** February 10, 2021 at 4:33 PM  
**To:** Ana Oskoz [oscoz@umbc.edu](mailto:oscoz@umbc.edu)  
**Cc:** Tim Gindling [tgindlin@umbc.edu](mailto:tgindlin@umbc.edu)

DM

Dear Ana: I definitely approve of Econ 387, Economic Development of Latin America being included as an elective for the proposed Latin American Studies minor.

Let me know if you require anything more from me on this.  
Best  
David

On Wed, Feb 10, 2021 at 4:14 PM Ana Oskoz <[oscoz@umbc.edu](mailto:oscoz@umbc.edu)> wrote:

Dear David and Tim,

So far, we are only going to include ECON 387 as elective for the minor.

David, could I ask you for a separate email expressing your support for ECON 387: Economic Development of Latin America to be included among the electives for the Latin American Studies minor? One or two sentences should suffice.

Thanks,  
Ana

On Feb 9, 2021, at 3:32 PM, Ana Oskoz <[oscoz@umbc.edu](mailto:oscoz@umbc.edu)> wrote:

Dear David and Tim,

Thank you for the positive responses. I will also let the Spanish area about ECON 385.

Interesting comment about ECON 382. I hope that does not happen with ECON 387... Perhaps we should think about how to connect (and promote) this type of interdisciplinary majors/minors in a way that is appealing to our students.

Ana

On Feb 9, 2021, at 1:54 PM, Tim Gindling <[tgindlin@umbc.edu](mailto:tgindlin@umbc.edu)> wrote:

Dear Ana and David,

It would be great if ECON 387 were part of a Latin American Studies minor. I generally offer the class every two years, usually in the Spring. I would be happy to offer the class every year if someone else could teach ECON 385, Economic Development. You may want to consider including ECON 385 as part of the minor.

Best,  
Tim

On Tue, Feb 9, 2021 at 1:43 PM David Mitch <[mitch@umbc.edu](mailto:mitch@umbc.edu)> wrote:

Dear Ana: It is certainly fine with me if you list Econ 387 as an elective for the MLLI proposed Minor in Latin American Studies. I am copying Tim Gindling on this email since he is the one who teaches the course and would most directly be affected by listing it as an elective for this minor. Tim can let you know if he has any concerns or questions about this.

You may also want to get info from Tim on how regularly he expects to be offering this course.

Let me mention that I regularly teach a course in Asian Economic History, Econ 382, which is also listed as an elective for the Asian Studies major and minor. I don't get that many Asian studies major or minors actually taking the course. The course only has a prereq of Econ 101 or 102, but some Asian studies majors initially enroll and then seem intimidated by what they think is the amount of economics background expected. I think they are more fearful than they need to be.

Best Regards,  
David

On Tue, Feb 9, 2021 at 1:23 PM Ana Oskoz <[oskoz@umbc.edu](mailto:oskoz@umbc.edu)> wrote:

Dear David,

Hope this message finds you well.

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We would like to include your *ECON 387: Economic Development of Latin America* course in our electives for the minor.

Please let us know as soon as possible if you are agreeable to including your course(s) in the offerings for the Minor in Latin American Studies.

Best regards,  
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**From:** Alan Yeakley [yeakley@umbc.edu](mailto:yeakley@umbc.edu)  
**Subject:** Re: Permission to include GES 302: Latin American Geographies in our electives for minor  
**Date:** February 11, 2021 at 4:05 PM  
**To:** Ana Oskoz [oscoz@umbc.edu](mailto:oscoz@umbc.edu)  
**Cc:** Yolanda Valencia [yolanda@umbc.edu](mailto:yolanda@umbc.edu), Maggie Holland [mholland@umbc.edu](mailto:mholland@umbc.edu)



Dear Ana,

On behalf of my colleagues in GES, I am writing to support the proposed creation of a Minor in Latin American Studies. We also endorse the inclusion of *GES 302: Latin American Geographies* as an elective course in the minor. GES faculty have a long history both of conducting research in Latin America and of teaching courses either centered in or connected to Latin America (including Dr. Holland and myself who have both led study abroad classes, in Costa Rica and Argentina, respectively). With the hiring of Dr. Yolanda Valencia into a tenure track position in 2019, our portfolio of Latin American focused and connected courses has increased substantially. We are excited by the prospect for our GES majors to have the option of a Minor in Latin American Studies, and are ready to help make that happen.

Thank you for including GES as you've put together the proposal for the Minor in Latin American Studies!

Cheers,

Alan Yeakley

GES Professor and Chair

On Wed, Feb 10, 2021 at 6:04 PM Alan Yeakley <[yeakley@umbc.edu](mailto:yeakley@umbc.edu)> wrote:

Hi Ana,

I realized I should first pass this by the full GES faculty before writing the memo of support. I've sent them all a message on this, asking for any objections to be voiced by tomorrow at noon. (I don't expect any objections.) Once I hear back, I'll send you a memo of support from GES - so likely by early afternoon tomorrow.

Have a good evening,  
Alan

On Wed, Feb 10, 2021 at 3:59 PM Ana Oskoz <[oscoz@umbc.edu](mailto:oscoz@umbc.edu)> wrote:

Dear Alan, Yolanda and Maggie,

Thank you for your support!

Alan, yes please, could you write a brief memo/email of support? One or two sentences would be enough.

Thanks,  
Ana

On Feb 10, 2021, at 2:51 PM, Alan Yeakley <[yeakley@umbc.edu](mailto:yeakley@umbc.edu)> wrote:

Dear Ana,

I've received confirmation from both Yolanda Valencia and Maggie Holland that they would be very happy to have *GES 302 Latin American Geographies* included as a part of proposed Minor in Latin American Studies. We all think this is a great idea, and are very glad for GES to play a role in this minor.

If we can help with the proposal, such as to write a memo of support, we would be happy to do so.

Best of luck with this, and thank you for including us!

Alan

On Tue, Feb 9, 2021 at 1:25 PM Ana Oskoz <[oscoz@umbc.edu](mailto:oscoz@umbc.edu)> wrote:

Thanks, Alan.

Ana

On Feb 9, 2021, at 1:24 PM, Alan Yeakley <[yeakley@umbc.edu](mailto:yeakley@umbc.edu)> wrote:

Hi Ana,

Thank you for your email. I'll check with both Yolanda Valencia the course instructor and Maggie Holland our GPC and get back with you soon.

Best,  
Alan

On Tue, Feb 9, 2021 at 1:21 PM Ana Oskoz <[oscoz@umbc.edu](mailto:oscoz@umbc.edu)> wrote:

Dear Alan,

Hope this message finds you well.

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We would like to include your *GES 302: Latin American Geographies* course in our electives for the minor.

Please let us know as soon as possible if you are agreeable to including your course in the offerings for the Minor in Latin American Studies.

Best regards,  
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**From:** Carole McCann [mccann@umbc.edu](mailto:mccann@umbc.edu)  
**Subject:** Re: Permission to include a GWST course in our electives for minor  
**Date:** February 10, 2021 at 4:44 PM  
**To:** Ana Oskoz [oscoz@umbc.edu](mailto:oscoz@umbc.edu)

CM

Ana,

Please convey to the UGC that as chair of the department of Gender, Women's, and Sexuality Studies, I support the inclusion of GWST 343: Gender, Human Rights, and Political Violence in Latin America as an elective course in the proposed minor in Latin American Studies.

Best,

Carole McCann  
Chair and Professor  
GWST  
Sent from my iPad

On Feb 10, 2021, at 4:05 PM, Ana Oskoz <[oscoz@umbc.edu](mailto:oscoz@umbc.edu)> wrote:

Carole,

Thank you to the GWST faculty for your support.

Could you please write a separate email expressing your support for GWST 343: Gender, Human Rights, and Political Violence in Latin America to be included among the electives for the Latin American Studies minor? One or two sentences should suffice.

Thanks,  
Ana

On Feb 10, 2021, at 1:00 PM, Carole McCann <[mccann@umbc.edu](mailto:mccann@umbc.edu)> wrote:

Ana,

I am delighted to see this proposal for a Latin American Studies minor. The GWST faculty and I are very supportive. We are happy to include the course you identified, GWST 343: Gender, Human Rights, and Political Violence in Latin America among the electives for the minor. Let me know if I need to provide anything further for the UGC.

Best,

Carole

On Feb 9, 2021, at 1:24 PM, Ana Oskoz <[oscoz@umbc.edu](mailto:oscoz@umbc.edu)> wrote:

Dear Carole,

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We would like to include your *GWST 343: Gender, Human Rights, and Political Violence in Latin America* course in our electives for the minor.

Please let us know as soon as possible if you are agreeable to including your course(s) in the offerings for the Minor in Latin American Studies.

Best regards,  
Ana

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**From:** Amy Froide froide@umbc.edu  
**Subject:** History Dept support for Latin American Studies minor  
**Date:** February 10, 2021 at 4:25 PM  
**To:** Ana Oskoz oscoz@umbc.edu



I write as the Chair of the History Department to add my support to the creation of a Latin American Studies minor. The History dept. is pleased to have both HIST 327: Modern Latin American History and HIST 328: Colonial Latin America included among the electives for the Latin American Studies minor. We will work to offer these courses regularly.

Sincerely,

Prof. Amy Froide

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**From:** Caro forestie@umbc.edu  
**Subject:** POLI 377 for your new minor  
**Date:** February 10, 2021 at 4:21 PM  
**To:** Ana Oscoz oscoz@umbc.edu

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Dear Ana,  
I write to approve your request to utilize POLI 377 (Latin American Politics) as an elective for your Program's new Latin American Studies minor.  
Thank you,

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