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**Course Information**

Select Appropriate Program   
Name of New or Existing Program   
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Exact Title and Requirements as they should appear in the catalog. If there is a change, upload current and proposed requirements.  
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Reason(s) for Request (enter text below or upload a doc/pdf file)

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Upload a document that includes justification for the program, impact on long-range planning, detailed budget analysis and faculty workload implications.(upload a doc/pdf file)

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**Are you proposing a new undergraduate degree or new undergraduate certificate? If yes, upload the following documents.**

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Upload memo from Associate Provost authorizing go-ahead to full proposal. (upload a doc/pdf file)

**Shared-Credit Degrees: Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Liberal Arts & Master of Arts in Latin American Studies**

(This language should appear in the LAS Graduate program “Degrees Offered” section of the catalog and be listed before “M.A. in Latin American Studies.”)

In collaboration with the Honors College, Latin American Studies offers a Shared-Credit Degrees program in which Honors College students can earn both the Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Liberal Arts and a Master of Arts in Latin American Studies in five years. For more information, please refer to the Honors College section of this catalog.

### **3+2: Honors College Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Liberal Arts & Master of Arts in Latin American Studies**

(This language should appear in the Honors College section of the catalog and be listed after “Honors College Designation.”)

The 3+2 program offers students enrolled in the Honors College an accelerated route to earning both a Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Liberal Arts, and a Master of Arts in Latin American Studies (MALAS) in 5 years. Through this program, students can earn graduate MALAS credit during their undergraduate career, thereby reducing the time needed to complete both degrees.

The MALAS requires 36 credit hours of graduate work. Honors College Interdisciplinary Liberal Arts students can take up to 18 shared credit hours (credit hours to be counted for both degrees) in MALAS courses during their undergraduate program. Students design their 18 shared hours in coordination with their academic advisors in both Honors College and Latin American Studies. With the highly harmonious academic requirements of both programs, this could be done, among other ways, through a combination of the following:

1. Honors College students can choose a minor or double major that would also satisfy MALAS requirements. Given the interdisciplinary nature of MALAS, this could be done in any of the concentrations MALAS currently has. Students would choose courses that satisfy both their undergraduate minor or double major, and MALAS requirements.
2. Honors College students are required to take 18 credit hours of upper-division courses that enrich a student’s knowledge in: New environments and developing technologies; Intercultural knowledge and competence; Personal and social responsibility, including civic knowledge and engagement; and Research fundamentals. Students could choose these courses so as to also satisfy MALAS requirements.
3. A minimum 12 credit hours in a non-English language is needed for the Honors degree, which could additionally fulfill the MALAS language requirement. MALAS students are required to take one upper-division course in a Latin American language.

To apply, students must be in good standing and nominated by the Honors College. The Interdisciplinary Committee for Latin American Studies (ICLAS) then reviews students’ applications. 3+2 students need to meet regular MALAS admission requirements, with two exceptions: students applying through Honors are waived the GRE requirement, and only 2 letters of recommendation are needed.

Students who choose not to complete the graduate portion of the program are still awarded the undergraduate degree when all undergraduate requirements are met. Completed graduate-level courses may be applied to either an undergraduate major or minor, as per existing policy. Where Latin American Studies chooses not to advance a student to the graduate portion of the program, completed graduate-level courses may be applied to either an undergraduate major or minor, as per existing policy.

### Reason for Request

With highly congruent expectations and goals, it is advantageous for Honors and MALAS to collaborate. The 3+2 Honors College-MALAS program offers outstanding Honors College Interdisciplinary Liberal Arts students who meet certain academic standards an accelerated route to earning both a Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Liberal Arts, and a Master of Arts in Latin American Studies. Because this option allows students to earn graduate credit during their undergraduate degree, the time needed to complete both degrees is significantly reduced.

### Impact and Workload Implications

The 3+2 option provides an opportunity for the MALAS Program to expand its collaboration with undergraduate programs at UNM. The proposed program may make the Honors College and MALAS programs more attractive to prospective students, and is expected to increase enrollment in both Honors and MALAS. Additionally, this option encourages students to pursue a graduate degree while being able to stay within their community.

The impact on long range planning is minimal as there will not be any new duties except for minimal increase in administrative workload to address applications and advisement increase for the students selected for this option.

The changes would not require any additional resources from the UNM Libraries or IT beyond those associated with slight increases in graduate enrollments in certain courses. No additional specialized collections of information resources would be required.