

**DEGREE/PROGRAM CHANGE  
FORM C  
Form Number: C1057**

Fields marked with \* are required

Name of Initiator:

Irene Vasquez

Email:\*

[ivasquez@unm.edu](mailto:ivasquez@unm.edu)

Date:\*

06-17-12

Phone Number:\*

505 277-0998

Initiator's Title\*

Director, CHMS

Associated Forms exist?\*

Please Select ▼

Faculty Contact\*

Irene Vasquez

Administrative Contact\*

Antoinette Rael

Department\*

Chicano Hispano Mexicano Studies

Admin Email\*

arael64@unm.edu

Branch

Main

Admin Phone\*

Chicano Hispano Mexicano Studies

Proposed effective term:

Semester

Spring ▼

Year

2013 ▼

**Course Information**

Select Appropriate Program

Undergraduate Degree Program ▼

Name of New or Existing Program

\* Chicano, Hispano, Mexicano Studies Program

Select Category

Department ▼

Degree Type

Undergraduate

Select Action

Name Change ▼

**Exact Title and Requirements as they should appear in the catalog. If there is a change, upload current and proposed requirements.**  
See current catalog for format within the respective college (upload a doc/pdf file)

[Chicana and Chicano Studies Statement of Purpose.doc](#)

☐ **Does this change affect other departmental program/branch campuses? If yes, indicate below.**

Reason(s) for Request      \* (enter text below or upload a doc/pdf file)

The name change from Chicano Hispano Mexicano Studies to Chicana and Chicano Studies offer greater academic visibility nationwide and a closer alignment to the field of Chicana and Chicano Studies. This field of study exists at a variety of college campuses and universities across the nation. The name change will also be in line with the title of the national association called the National Association of Chicana and Chicano Studies (NACCS). NACCS hosts an annual conference highlighting trends and developments in the field of Chicana and Chicano Studies. The name change will occur with the proposal for a Bachelor s degree in Chicana and Chicano Studies to provide consistency in the title of the program and alignment with the field of Chicana and Chicano Studies. Please see the attached detailed rationale for the name change.

[Rational for Name Change.doc](#)

Upload a document that includes justification for the program, impact on long-range planning, detailed budget analysis and faculty workload implications.      \*

[Rational for Name Change.doc](#)

## **Chicana and Chicano Studies**

### **College of Arts and Sciences**

#### **Statement of Academic Purpose**

The Chicano Hispano Mexicano Studies program at the University of New Mexico is an interdisciplinary program with a foundation in Chicano/Latino studies. The mission of the program is to promote critical understanding of Chicano Hispano Mexicano communities through teaching, research, and community partnerships. This program accomplishes its mission by offering an undergraduate minor as well as sponsoring and participating in community initiatives and public lectures. The curricula and community engagement efforts focus on (1) Chicana/o cultural studies, (2) politics and social justice, and (3) the transnational US-Mexico experience. Our curricula areas allow us to offer courses concerned with gender and sexuality, race and ethnicity, arts and culture, political and social mobilization, immigration and citizenship, history and heritage, land grant studies, and Chicana feminism and/or Queer theory. The three areas are addressed through a curricula taught in both English and Spanish and maintain a regional and transnational focus in New Mexico, the U.S. Southwest, and Mexico.

Students may take any of the Chicano Hispano Mexicano Studies courses as electives, or they may enroll in the Chicano Hispano Mexicano Studies Minor through the College of Arts and Sciences Advisement Center. Additionally, students in the Bachelor of University Studies or American Studies may design a special focus in Chicano Hispano Mexicano Studies for their major.

Proposed Name Change for Chicano Hispano Mexicano Studies  
University of New Mexico  
June 16, 2012

### Rationale

The Chicano Hispano Mexicano Studies Program Faculty and the Chicano Hispano Mexicano Studies Advisory Board at the University of New Mexico propose changing the name of Chicano Hispano Mexicano Studies to Chicana and Chicano Studies for academic and programmatic reasons. This proposal resulted from academic planning discussions and dialogues that occurred during meetings of the CHMS program faculty and CHMS Advisory Board meetings over the past two academic years. The process for considering a name change has gone through several consultative steps detailed below.

### Background

In December 2012, after deliberations that occurred previously over a period of one year and a half years, the Chicano Hispano Mexicano Studies Advisory Board unanimously endorsed a name change from the current Chicano Hispano Mexicano Studies to Chicana and Chicano Studies. The CHMS advisory board is made up of CHMS and SHRI faculty, student, staff and community representatives. In December 2012, the CHMS Advisory Board forwarded the recommendation to the CHMS program faculty. During the December 15, 2012 CHMS retreat, the CHMS program faculty voted unanimously to support the name change from Chicano Hispano Mexicano Studies to Chicana and Chicano Studies. On February 21, 2012, CHMS offered a public forum on the CHMS program at UNM. During the forum the name change proposal was announced and a consensus was reached on the name change and, further, a proposal for a Chicana and Chicano Studies Baccalaureate degree at UNM

### Rationale

The CHMS Advisory Board and the CHMS program faculty voted to endorse a name change based on the following:

- The name change aligns Chicana and Chicano Studies with the discipline of Chicana and Chicano Studies, which exists at college campuses and universities across the nation and is in line with the title of the national association called the National Association of Chicana and Chicano Studies (NACCS). NACCS hosts an annual conference highlighting trends and developments in the field of Chicana and Chicano Studies.
- The name change will occur with the proposal for a Bachelor's degree in Chicana and Chicano Studies to provide consistency in the title of the program and alignment with the field of Chicana and Chicano Studies.

### Name Change Endorsements

On April 20, 2012, faculty affiliates of the Southwest Hispanic Research Institute endorsed the name change. In May 2012, the Chairs of the New Mexico Land Grant Council and the League of United Latin American Citizens sent letters of endorsement addressed to Provost Chaouki Abdallah.