

**DEGREE/PROGRAM CHANGE
FORM C
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Proposed effective term:

Semester Fall ▼ Year 2013 ▼

Course Information

Select Appropriate Program Undergraduate Degree Program ▼
Name of New or Existing Program * Chicano Hispano Mexicano Studies Minor (requirements revision)
Select Category Minor ▼ Degree Type Undergraduate
Select Action Revision ▼

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)

[Final Revised and Compiled Final Proposal for a Minor Revision.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)

Chicano Hispano Mexicano Studies seeks to revise the minor by decreasing the number of required units from 24 units to 18 units. CHMS envisions the revision as part of its planning efforts to strengthen the quality of the program while lessening the time to graduation for students in the minor program. CHMS seeks to revise the minor from 24 to 18 units. CHMS will accomplish this by reducing the number of elective hours in the minor. CHMS maintains that the revamping of the Introduction to Chicana and Chicano Studies and to the capstone course have resulted in a curricular and pedagogical adjustments that align with the reduction of hours.

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

[Rationale Revision of Minor.doc](#)

Revised Minor – Chicana and Chicano Studies
College of Arts and Sciences
18 Hours Minimum Requirement

Statement of Academic Purpose

The Chicana and Chicano Studies program at the University of New Mexico is an interdisciplinary program with a foundation in Chicano and 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 and Chicano 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, Chicana feminism, and 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 Chicana and Chicano Studies courses as electives, or they may enroll in the Chicana and Chicano Studies Major 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 Chicana and Chicano Studies

Minor Study Requirements

A minimum of 18 hours, including the following:

- CHMS 201 Introduction to Chicana and Chicano Studies
- CHMS 490 Advanced Seminar in Chicano Hispano Mexicano Studies
- SPAN 202 Intermediate Spanish, or above, or an equivalent course taught in Spanish in another department. Must be taken in residence at The University of New Mexico.
- Six hours chosen from Course Listing A, distributed across at least two departments or programs. At least 3 of the 6 hours must be 300 level or above. May include up to three hours of Independent Study or other courses having relevant subject matter, with the approval of the Chicana and Chicano Studies Director.
- Three hours chosen from either Course Listing A or Course Listing B

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Course Listing A: Chicanas and Chicanos as a Central Focus (1)

CHMS 310, CHMS 331, CHMS 332, CHMS 360, CHMS 362, CHMS 351, CHMS *460, CHMS 364, CHMS 384, CHMS 393, CHMS 480, AMST 363, CRP 486, ENGL 365, ENGL 465, HIST 260, HIST 363, HIST 464, SPAN 301*, SPAN 370, SPAN 371, SPAN 375, SPAN 479.

Course Listing B: Chicana and Chicano-related Courses (1)

CHMS 393, CHMS 495, AMST 185, AMST 186, AMST 309, AMST 360, ANTH 238, ANTH 337, CJ 413, ECON 239, FS 484, HIST 300, HIST 463, HIST 465, LING 435, POLS 308, POLS 301, POLS 307, POLS 400, PSY 374, SOC 326, SOC 331, SOC 420, SOC 428/528, WMST 200.

(1) Topics courses with relevant content may count toward the minor with the approval of the Chicana and Chicano Studies Director.

***Courses with these numbers must have a Chicana and Chicano Studies focus for course listing A or Chicana and Chicano-related focus for course listing B.**

Form C –Revision of Minor
Chicano Hispano Mexicano Studies (CHMS)

Rationale:

CHMS seeks to revise the minor from 24 to 18 units. CHMS will accomplish this by reducing the number of elective hours in the minor. This revision is intended to facilitate time to graduation for undergraduate students in the program. CHMS maintains that the revamping of the Introduction to Chicana and Chicano Studies and capstone courses have resulted in a stronger curricular and pedagogical developments that support the reduction of hours. Moreover, students will still be able to select elective units from a variety of programs and departments to gain a greater breadth of understanding of Mexican American and Latino populations in the United States.

Impact on Long Range-Planning:

CHMS faculty members believe that the decrease of hours in the minor program from 24 to 18 units will better support student success by reducing the time to graduation.

Budget and Faculty Load Workload Implications:

CHMS offers nine to ten courses a semester and crosslists approximately 10 courses with a variety of programs and departments. Overall, there may be a small decrease in numbers associated with the courses offered in the minor program. These may be spread across the units that currently list courses in the CHMS minor. Because there are many selections to choose from and students must take their elective units from different programs and departments, this means that the overall reduction of students in a particular program or department will be limited. CHMS faculty believe the benefit of graduating students sooner will bring monetary benefits that will offset the fewer numbers of students enrolled in courses offered as electives in the minor program.