

## GRADUATE CURRICULUM CHANGE MEMO

**Date:** Sept. 7, 2023  
**From:** Josiah Heyman, Latin American and Border Studies  
**Through:** Selfa Chew -Melendez, Chair, LACC  
**Through:** Anadeli Bencomo, Dean, Liberal Arts  
**To:** Chair, Graduate Council



**Proposal Title:** Removal of Unneeded Pre-Requisites LABS 5304, 5305, 5306, 5389

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**LABS 5304, 5305, 5306, and 5389 are special topics courses. They currently have an unnecessary pre-requisite barrier to students registering, both of the core courses in the program. In fact, it takes the students a full year (fall and spring) to get those core courses; in the meantime, they might from taking a special topic. So in practice, we always remove the pre-requisite for the courses. If it was in place students might take three or four years to finish a two year degree.**

#### **LABS 5304. Spl Topics in the Humanities.**

Special Topics in the Humanities (3-0). This course presents an examination of a relevant subject regarding Latin America or the U.S.-Mexico Border from the humanities or the fine arts perspective. Topics will vary and will be drawn from literature, history, languages, cultural studies, fine arts, and philosophy. ▼

**Department:** Latin American/Border Studies

**3 Credit Hours**

**3 Total Contact Hours**

0 Lab Hours

3 Lecture Hours

0 Other Hours

**Deleted:** Prerequisite: [LABS 5301](#) and [LABS 5302](#) each with a grade of B or higher and department approval.

#### **LABS 5305. Spl Topics in Political Issues.**

Special Topics in Political Issues (3-0). This course presents an examination of a relevant subject regarding Latin America or the U.S.-Mexico Border from the political sciences perspective. Topics will vary. ▼

**Department:** Latin American/Border Studies

**3 Credit Hours**

**3 Total Contact Hours**

0 Lab Hours

3 Lecture Hours

0 Other Hours

**Deleted:** Prerequisite(s): ([LABS 5301](#) w/B or better AND [LABS 5302](#) w/B or better)

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#### **LABS 5306. Spl Topics: Social/Cult Issues.**

Special Topics in Social and Cultural Issues (3-0). This course presents an examination of a relevant subject regarding Latin America or the U.S.-Mexico Border from the social and or behavioral sciences perspective. Topics will vary and will be drawn from linguistics, sociology, anthropology, psychology, and communications. ▼

**Department:** Latin American/Border Studies

**3 Credit Hours**

**3 Total Contact Hours**

0 Lab Hours

3 Lecture Hours

0 Other Hours

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#### **LABS 5389. LABS Special Topics.**

**Deleted:** Prerequisite(s): ([LABS 5301](#) w/B or better AND [LABS 5302](#) w/B or better)

Examination of a particular topic or theme regarding the border or Latin America from a disciplinary or inter- disciplinary perspective. Topics will vary according to instructor and semester. May be repeated for credit when the topic varies. It will be taught with the consent of the professor and with the approval of the program's advisor.

**Department:** Latin American/Border Studies

**3 Credit Hours**

**3 Total Contact Hours**

0 Lab Hours

3 Lecture Hours

0 Other Hours

**Deleted:** Prerequisites: [LABS 5301](#) and 5302, each with a grade of B or higher, and departmental approval. Restricted to graduate students.

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# CURRICULUM PROPOSAL

## APPROVAL PAGE

**Proposal Title: Removal of Unneeded Pre-Requisites LABS 5304, 5305, 5306, 5389**

**College: Liberal Arts**

**Department: Program in Latin American and Border Studies**

**DEPARTMENT CHAIR- Josiah Heyman, Program Director**

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**I have read the enclosed proposal and approve this proposal on behalf of the department.**

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**Signature**



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**Date**

9/7/23

**COLLEGE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE CHAIR – Selfa Chew-Melendez**

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**I have read the enclosed documents and approve the proposal on behalf of the college curriculum committee.**

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**Signature**

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**Date**

**COLLEGE DEAN – Anadeli Bencomo**

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**I have read the enclosed documents and approve the proposal on behalf of the college. I certify that the necessary funds will be allocated by the college in support of this proposal.**

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**Signature**

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**Date**