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MEMORANDUM

ATTENTION Senate
FROM Jon Driver, Vice-President, Academic and
Provost, and Chair, SCUP
RE: Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences: Full Program Proposal for a Joint Major in Latin American Studies and
International Studies (SCUP 09-51)

DATE November 16, 2009
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At its October 21, 2009 meeting SCUP reviewed and approved the Full Program Proposal for a Joint Major in Latin American Studies and International Studies in the Latin American Studies Program and the School for the International Studies within the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences.

Motion

That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the Full Program Proposal for a Joint Major in Latin American Studies and International Studies in the Latin American Studies Program and the School for the International Studies within the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences.

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c: E. Hershberg
J. Harriss

OFFICE OF THE
ASSOCIATE VICE PRESIDENT ACADEMIC AND ASSOCIATE PROVOST

MEMO

To:	Senate Committee On University Priorities	
FROM	Bill Krane, Chair Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies	
RE	Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (SCUS 09-45a, b)	
DATE	October 9, 2009	

Action undertaken by the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies at its meeting of September 17, 2009 gives rise to the following recommendation:

Motion

That SCUP approve and recommend to Senate the Full Program Proposal for the Joint Major in Latin American Studies and International Studies.

The relevant documentation for review by SCUP is attached.



FACULTY OF
ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

MEMO

TO: Jo Hinchliffe, Secretary
Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies

FROM: Paul Budra, Chair
Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Curriculum Committee

RE: Joint Major in LAS and International Studies (FPP)

DATE: August 25, 2009

On July 23, 2009, the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Curriculum Committee approved the attached full program proposal for a Joint Major in Latin American Studies and International Studies, as submitted by the Program in Latin American Studies. The Notice of Intent was forwarded to SCUP on July 29, 2008.

Would you please place this item on the agenda of the next meeting of SCUS.

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Att.



SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY
Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

Program in Latin American Studies

MEMORANDUM

TO: Paul Budra, Chair FROM: Dr. Eric Hershberg, Director
Faculty of Art & Social Undergraduate Curriculum
Sciences Curriculum Committee Committee

SUBJECT: FPP: Joint Major in LAS DATE: May 27, 2009
and International Studies

As of Wednesday, May 27, 2009, the Steering Committee members have approved the following:

Full Program Proposal for a Joint Major ⁱⁿ Latin American Studies and International Studies

Would you please place this on the agenda of the next meeting of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Curriculum Committee.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric Hershberg", written over a horizontal line.

Dr. Eric Hershberg, Director



FACULTY OF ARTS AND
SOCIAL SCIENCES

PROGRAM IN LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES

FULL PROGRAM PROPOSAL

JOINT MAJOR IN LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES AND INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

Executive Summary

The Joint Major in Latin American Studies (LAS) and International Studies (IS) is designed for students who are interested in focusing and expanding their expertise in areas where these two fields of study intersect. Students who complete the joint major gain detailed insight into the social and cultural aspects of Latin America and the Caribbean. Students develop solid foundations in the study of Spanish (or Portuguese) and a grounding in knowledge from an international perspective offered by a focus on Latin America and the Caribbean in particular and international studies more broadly.

The program contributes to the wider international strategy of Simon Fraser University which, in the context of globalization and Canada's increasing dependence upon economic, political and cultural ties with the rest of the world, aims at raising the profile of the university internationally through innovation in the curriculum. Offering students an opportunity to combine Latin American Studies and International Studies will be a natural outcome of efforts by both programs to expand their offerings to a growing number of SFU students for whom "Thinking of the World" entails majoring in internationally oriented fields.

The Joint Major in LAS and IS is intended for Canadian and International students who are interested in international development, security and conflict, and social and cultural issues within a Latin American/Caribbean context and beyond. The program will be taught through existing and a few new courses (to be taught in the 2009/10 academic year) at the SFU Burnaby (majority of LAS courses and lower division IS courses) and SFU Vancouver campus (majority of upper division IS courses). Lower division courses will be offered as lectures while upper division courses will be offered as seminars.

Both intellectual and career considerations motivate our students to combine regional specialization with mastery of a core social science discipline. In addition to the analytic and methodological skills gained through pursuit of the joint major in LAS-IS, students are better able to market their skills to potential employers whose offerings may entail work involving Latin America. Currently, several students pursuing the International Studies major also plan to complete a minor or an extended minor in Latin American Studies. The proposed Joint Major provides an opportunity for these and other students to add further to their credentials and better prepare them for careers in the international arena, whether in the public, private or non-governmental sectors.

Curriculum

1. Student outcomes

Students will gain the capacity for analyzing problems in an interdisciplinary framework and a broad knowledge of Latin American issues in a global context. Students will receive international experience through a semester of work/study abroad and will be able to demonstrate language proficiency in Spanish/Portuguese.

2. Curriculum requirements

All courses for this joint major program currently exist in the SFU Calendar. Housed jointly in the

Program in Latin American Studies and the School for International Studies, the joint major consists of 12 to 13 lower division units plus language training/proficiency for the Latin American Studies Program and 12 lower division units in the School of International Studies. Both programs require 20 upper division units to be completed, including the Capstone Project, an independent reading and research project under the supervision of a LAS Associated faculty member.

3. Course structure and class sizes

The joint major required courses and optional courses are diverse in format, including lecture-based instruction as well as interactive, discussion-oriented classes and tutorials. Class sizes are equally varied, ranging from relatively large 100 level courses to classes of 30 or less.

4. Research implications

The ongoing research mandate of existing tenure-track faculty responsible for teaching the joint major designated courses will inform the course curricula.

5. Additional Comments: Course Substitution and Transfer Credits

No more than one directed readings course can be used towards completion of this joint major.

Students are required to complete a semester abroad through one of the following options: SFU Field School, SFU Foreign Exchange, SFU International Co-op or other international experience such as an internship or volunteer experience, subject to the approval of the IS Undergraduate Curriculum Chair.

Learning Methodologies

Diverse learning methodologies such as lectures, interactive classrooms and tutorials will be experienced by the joint major students.

Faculty

The program is interdisciplinary and draws from the existing teaching and research of many faculty. No percentage of their current teaching will need to be devoted specifically to the new program.

Program Consultations and Evaluations

The Notice of Intent was sent to the Undergraduate Chairs of those departments whose courses are listed as designated joint major options as well as to all FASS Undergraduate Curriculum Chairs. Without exception, it met with their approval. Once implemented, the joint major will be reviewed and evaluated by the Program in Latin American Studies and the School for International Studies.

Admission

The admission requirements will be the standard SFU requirements.

Appendix A – Proposed Calendar Entry

The Joint Major in Latin American Studies and International Studies is intended for students who are interested in international development, security and conflict, and social and cultural issues within a Latin American/Caribbean context and beyond.

Program requirements

Courses used toward the upper division Latin American Studies requirements may not be used as part of International Studies credit requirements, and vice versa. Any lower division course that counts toward the separate requirements for Latin American Studies and International Studies may be counted toward both. During the last year of their LAS-IS joint major program, students must take LAS 498-5 in which they will complete their capstone project. This project will be written according to the standards of their disciplinary joint major, and will generally be of approximately 6,000-8,000 words.

Students are required to satisfy the prerequisites of all courses (upper and lower division) that are taken within this joint major and should consult regularly with the program advisors regarding course selection.

Language Requirement:

The following courses or equivalents are required:

SPAN 102-3 Introductory Spanish I *

SPAN 103-3 Introductory Spanish II *

SPAN 201-3 Intermediate Spanish I *

SPAN 202-3 Intermediate Spanish II *

Or the equivalent in Portuguese *

** Note: Students who can demonstrate language fluency at an equivalent level may be exempted from this requirement.*

Required Foreign Cultural Component:

Students are required to complete a semester abroad through one of the following options: *(Please consult the IS academic advisor for more information)*

- SFU Field School <http://students.sfu.ca/international/>
- SFU Foreign Exchange <http://students.sfu.ca/international/>
- SFU International Co-op <http://www.sfu.ca/coop/>
- Other international experience such as an internship or volunteer experience subject, to the approval of the IS Undergraduate Curriculum Chair.

Latin American Studies

Lower Division Requirements:

LAS 100-3 Introduction to Latin American Issues

Plus two of:

ARCH 273-3 Archaeology of the New World

HIST 208-3 Latin America: The Colonial Period

HIST 209-3 Latin America: The National Period

Plus one of:

BUS 130-3 Business in the Networked Economy I

CMNS 110-3 Introduction to Communication Studies

CMNS 130-3 Explorations in Mass Communication

ECON 102-3 The World Economy

ECON 110-3 Foundations of Economic Ideas

GEOG 100-3 Human Geography

GEOG 111-3 Physical Geography

IS 101-3 Introduction to International Studies: Studying Global Conflict and Co-operation
POL 100-3 Introduction to Politics and Government
REM 100-3 Global Change
SA 101-4 Introduction to Anthropology
SA 150-4 Introduction to Sociology

International Studies

Lower Division Requirements

IS 101-3 Introduction to International Studies: Studying Global Conflict and Co-operation
IS 240-3 Research Methods in International Studies

Plus 9 (10-11 if student is pursuing Stream 3) lower division units, chosen by focusing on one of the three streams below.

Stream 1: International Security and Conflict

IS 200-3 Historical Perspectives on Diplomatic Relations, International Security and Law

Plus two of:

IS 210-3 Comparative World Politics: Trajectories, Regimes, Challenges
IS 220-3 Wealth and Poverty of Nations
IS 230-3 Transnationalism and Society

Stream 2: Comparative World Politics, Culture, and Society

IS 210-3 Comparative World Politics: Trajectories, Regimes, Challenge

Plus two of:

IS 200-3 Historical Perspectives on Diplomatic Relations, International Security and Law
IS 220-3 Wealth and Poverty of Nations
IS 230-3 Transnationalism and Society
POL 231-3 Comparative Politics

Stream 3: International Development, Economic and Environmental Issues

IS 220-3 Wealth and Poverty of Nations
ECON 105-4 Principles of Macroeconomics

Plus one of:

ECON 103-4 Principles of Microeconomics
IS 200-3 Historical Perspectives on Diplomatic Relations, International Security and Law
IS 210-3 Comparative World Politics: Trajectories, Regimes, Challenges
IS 230-3 Transnationalism and Society

Latin American Studies

Upper Division Requirements:

Students must complete a minimum of 20 upper division units with primary or substantial Latin American Studies focus, including LAS 498-5 (Capstone Project).

Students may take any of the following courses to fulfill LAS Requirements: Students may use other courses with permission of the instructor and program advisor (by providing a course outline). Students may also use one directed readings course, with permission of the instructor and the program advisor.

Upper Division courses with primary Latin American Focus

ARCH 330W-3 Prehistory of Latin America

GEOG 466-4 Latin American Regional Development

HIST 458-4 Problems in Latin American Regional History
LAS 300-3 Latin American Literature
LAS 312-3 Special Topics: Latin American Cultural Topics
LAS 402-5 Field Study
LAS 404-3 Special Topics: Field School I
LAS 493-3 Directed Readings
ISPO 337-4 Comparative Politics of Latin America POL 440-4 Special Topics: Latin American International Relations
ISPO 450-4 Globalization and Regional Politics in Latin America
ISPO 483-4 Political Economy of Latin American Development
POL 440-4 Special Topics: Latin American International Relations
SA 392-4 Latin America
SA 403-4 Selected Topics in Latin American Economy and Society
SA 404-4 Andean Society and Culture
WS-323-3 Women In Latin American Literature and Society

Upper division courses with substantial Latin American focus – (MUST focus on Latin American regions to be used towards the LAS requirement)

CMNS 347-4 Communication in Conflict and Intervention
CMNS 444-4 Political Economy of International Communication
CMNS 446-4 The Communication of Science and the Transfer of Technology
ECON 355W-4 Economic Development
ECON 362-4 Economics of Natural Resources
GEOG 322-3 World Resources
GEOG 422-4 Theories and Practices of Development
GEOG 428-4 World Forests
IS 311-4 Democratic Transition in Comparative Perspective
IS 320-4 Selected Problems in the International Economy
POL 342-4 Developing Countries in Global Politics
POL 345-4 The Nation-State and Multinational Corporation
POL 433-4 Comparative Development
SA 388-4 Comparative Studies of Minority Indigenous Peoples
SA 429-4 Sex, Work and International Capital
WS 309-4 Gender and International Development

Capstone Project (LAS 498-5): Should be taken in the last or next-to-last semester and integrate knowledge about Latin America, focusing on a relevant topic of interest, with final research and writing of a 6000 – 8000 words (25 pages) paper. Students will work with one of the Latin American Studies faculty members who is closest to the student's research interests. The course design will be done in mutual agreement between the student and the faculty supervisor and the agreement will be provided to the Latin American Studies advisor to be placed in the student's record.

School for International Studies

Upper Division Requirements:

Students must complete a minimum of 20 upper division units in the School for International Studies courses including

IS 450W-4 Seminar on Global Problems in Interdisciplinary Perspective OR
IS 451W-4 Seminar on Core Texts in International Studies

Plus 16 credit hours chosen from either Stream 1, 2, or 3. Only two courses, per discipline, outside of International Studies courses may be used to fulfill this requirement.
Plus participation in the Foreign Cultural component.

Stream 1: International Security and Conflict

IS 302-4 Introduction to Humanitarian Intervention
IS 303-4 Ethnic Minorities, Identity Politics, and conflict in Southeast Asia
IS 304-4 Russian Foreign and Security Policies
IS 311-4 Democratic Transition in Comparative Perspective
IS 315-4 Introduction to Middle East Politics
IS 400-4 State Building and State Failure: Comparative Perspectives
IS 406-4 Selected Topics – Complex Emergencies
IS 407-4 Selected Topics – Terrorism
IS 408-4 Directed Readings I
IS 409-4 Special Topics I
IS 412-4 Central Asia, the Transcaucasus and Russia: Democracy, Development and Conflict
IS 452-4 Special Topics – Field School I
HIST 338-4 World War II
HIST 371-4: The Asia-Pacific War in Modern Japanese History
HIST 465-4 The Palestinian-Israeli Conflict
POL 342-4 Developing Countries in Global Politics
POL 344-4 International Law
POL 346-4 International Organization
POL 348-4 Theories of War, Peace and Conflict Resolution
POL 417-4 Human Rights Theories
POL 443-4 Nuclear Strategy, Arms Control and International Security
POL 446-4 International Relations in East Asia
POL 448-4 Selected Topics in International Relations
POL 449-4 Selected Topics in International Relations 2
SA 302W-4 Global Problems and the Culture of Capitalism

Stream 2: Comparative World Politics, Culture and Society

IS 311-4 Democratic Transition in Comparative Perspective
IS 312-4 Europe: Undivided but Plural
IS 313W-4 Nationalism, Democracy and Development in Modern India
IS 314-4 National, Regional, and International Politics in Southeast Asia
IS 315-4 Introduction to Middle East Politics
IS 410-4 Politics, Institutions and Development
IS 412-4 Central Asia, the Transcaucasus and Russia: Democracy, Development and Conflict
IS 415-4 Islamist Trend in Middle East Politics
IS 418-4 Directed Readings II
IS 419-4 Special Topics II
IS 452-4 Special Topics: Field School I
GEOG 420-4 Comparative Cultural Geography
GEOG 446-4 Migration and Globalization
HIST 335-4 The Soviet Project
HIST 343-4 Africa and the Slave Trade
HIST 344-4 Themes in Modern East Africa
HIST 348-4 History of 20th Century South Africa
HIST 352-4 Religion and Politics in Modern Iran
HIST 354-4 Imperialism and Modernity in the Middle East
HIST 355-4 The Arab Middle East in the Twentieth Century
HIST 368W-4 Selected Topics in the History of the Wider World
HIST 388-4 Christianity and Globalization
HIST 420-4 Russia as a Multi-Ethnic Empire
HIST 421-4 Modern Greece, 1864-1925

HIST 457-4 The Turkish Republic: Politics, Society, and Culture, 1918-present
 HIST 465-4 The Palestinian-Israeli Conflict
 HIST 467-4 Modern Egypt
 HIST 472-4 Problems in World History
 HIST 473-4 The Making of South African Society
 HIST 479-4 Change, Conflict and Resistance in Twentieth-Century China
 ISPO 337-4 Comparative Politics of Latin America
 ISPO 450-4 Globalization and Regional Politics in Latin America
 ISPO 450W-4 Globalization and Regional Politics in Latin America
 ISPO 483-4 Political Economy of Latin American Development
 LAS 403-4 Special Topics: Latin American Economy and Society
 POL 333-4 Soviet and Post-Soviet Political Systems
 POL 334-4 East European Political Systems
 POL 335-4 Government and Politics: People's Republic of China
 POL 339-4 Selected Topics in Comparative Government & Politics
 POL 381-4 Japanese Politics
 POL 374-4 Africa in the Global Political Economy
 POL 431-4 Comparative West European Systems
 POL 432-4 Comparative Communist and Post-Communist Systems
 POL 436-4 Elections, Parties and Governments in Comparative Perspective
 POL 438-4 Selected Topics in Comparative Government and Politics 1
 POL 439-4 Selected Topics in Comparative Government and Politics 2
 POL 440-4 Special Topics: Latin American International Relations
 POL 448-4 Selected Topics in International Relations
 POL 449-4 Selected Topics in International Relations 2
 POL 452-4 Energy Policy
 POL 453-4 Technology Policy
 POL 481-4 Identity Politics
 SA 302W-4 Global Problems and the Culture of Capitalism (SA)
 SA 321-4 Social Movements
 SA 362-4 Society and the Changing Global Division of Labor (S)
 SA 388-4 Comparative Studies of Minority Indigenous Peoples
 SA 392-4 Latin America
 SA 396-4 Selected Regional Areas
 SA 418-4 International Health: Global Policies and Local Realities (SA)
 SA 430-4 States, Cultures and Global Transitions (SA)
 WS 312-4 Immigrants, Women and Transnational Migration

Stream 3: International Development, Economic and Environmental Issues

IS 315-4 Introduction to Middle East Politics
 IS 320-4 Selected Problems in the International Economy
 IS 410-4 Politics, Institutions and Development
 IS 421-4 The Economics of International Organizations and Development
 IS 427-4 Selected Topics – Globalization, Poverty and Inequality
 IS 428-4 Directed Readings III
 IS 429-4 Special Topics III
 IS 452-4 Special Topics: Field School I
 ECON 342-3 International Trade
 ECON 345-3 International Finance
 ECON 355-4 Economic Development
 ECON 362-4 Economics of Natural Resources
 ECON 443-3 Seminar in International Trade
 ECON 446-3 Seminar in International Finance

ECON 455-3 Seminar in Economic Development
GEOG 312-4 Geography of Natural Hazards
GEOG 322-4 World Resources
GEOG 327-4 Geography of Tourism
GEOG 382-4 Population Geography
GEOG 389-4 Human Ecology – Human Relations to Nature
GEOG 422-4 Theories and Practices of Development
GEOG 428-4 World Forests
GEOG 429-4 Environment and Inequality
GEOG 446-4 Migration and Globalization
GEOG 466-4 Latin American Regional Development
GEOG 468-4 Society and Environment in China
POL 374-4 Africa in the Global Political Economy
POL 442-4 The Political Economy of International Trade
POL 450-4 Globalization and Regional Politics in Latin America
POL 450W-4 Globalization and Regional Politics in Latin America
POL 452-4 Energy Policy
POL 453-4 Technology Policy
SA 316-4 Tourism and Social Policy
WS 309-4 Gender and International Development

Appendix B – Budget

The joint major is interdisciplinary and draws from existing teaching complement of the various departments identified. No additional courses, faculty positions, teaching responsibilities, space, equipment or library resources are required. The LAS and IS Undergraduate Curriculum Chairs will supervise the academic content of the joint major. The Latin American Studies and International Studies Academic & Administrative Managers and Student advisors will provide administrative support including student advising. These responsibilities are consistent with their current mandate and no additional resources are required.

Appendix C: Related programs in other British Columbia post-secondary institutions

UBC offers a Major and Minor in Latin American Studies within the Faculty of Arts. This interdisciplinary program includes courses in Anthropology, Art History, Geography, History, and Political Science, as well as language instruction in Spanish and Portuguese.

UFV offers a Minor and an Extended Minor in Latin American Studies within the Social, Cultural and Media Studies department, as part of its Bachelor of Arts program. Students may also specialize in Latin American Studies by completing the International and Development Studies option within UFV's Associate of Arts degree program.

UNBC offers a Major, Honours and Minor in International Studies, as well as a joint major in International Studies and Political Science, all of which leads to a Bachelor of Arts.

Trinity Western University offers a Major and Honours in International Studies, both leading to a Bachelor of Arts.

UBC does not offer an International Studies program but offers a Major and Minor in International Relations leading to a Bachelor of Arts.

Effective term and year: May 1, 2010