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**Subject:** RE: Request for Approval to utilize course in Latin American Studies Concentration

Thank-you Zhixiao!

We will note that change on our concentration page. Julie, can you please update the webpage to reflect this name change?

Best,

Tim

**From:** Zhixiao Xie <[xie@fau.edu](mailto:xie@fau.edu)>  
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Tim,

I consulted with relevant faculty and that's fine with us.

However the class name has changed to "'Culture and Environment: Latin America and the Caribbean"

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Dear Ben, Marcella, and Zhixiao,

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LAH 4131	Indians in Latin American History
LAH 4430	History of Mexico
ANT 3163	The Maya and Their Neighbors
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The college currently has no concentrators in Latin American studies. So this is unlikely to even be noticeable to the faculty members or the departments offering the courses. I would guess that one or two of our honors students a semester might take one of these classes.

The UUPC is now requesting letters from chairs/directors for any elective or required courses housed outside of the home department. So I'm writing to request your approval to include these courses in our concentration. If there is some reason not to include any of them please let me know and we can remove it. If you have no trouble allowing us to include them, please reply to all with your formal agreement to allow Wilkes Honors College students to count these courses as electives in the Latin American Studies concentration.

Thank-you in advance for your assistance and feel free to write back with any questions or concerns.

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Thanks Ben,

Wonderful. Sounds like a great course.

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Hi Tim, this all sounds great to me. I have no objections at all and heartily approve your including the History courses here as part of the concentration. We have a new professor of Latin American history, Dr. Eyal Weinberg, who will be adding to our offerings. Currently, he is teaching a LAH 4930 Special Topics course on Dictators and Democrats in Latin America which he will probably formalize into a permanent course. We usually try out new courses through this Special Topics option initially. Best wishes, Ben



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