

Board Meeting
January 21, 2010

ESTABLISH THE BACHELOR OF ARTS IN LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES IN
LATINA/LATINO STUDIES, COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES,
URBANA

Action: Approve the Establishment of the Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences in Latina/Latino Studies, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Funding: No New Funding Required

The Interim Provost/Chancellor at Urbana with the advice of the Urbana-Champaign Senate recommends approval of a proposal from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to establish the Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences (BALAS) in Latina/Latino Studies.

The major in Latina/Latino Studies explores the experiences and lives of Latina/os in the context of the United States. The major provides a broad and deep approach to theory, research, and multidisciplinary study of the Latina/o experience. Students must complete a minimum of 34 hours of required courses, which includes a senior thesis, and six hours of 200- to 400-level Latina/Latino Studies elective coursework.

In the 14 years the program has been in existence, student demand has been demonstrated through enrollment in the Latina/Latino Studies minor as well as an individually designed major through the Individual Plan of Study Program. The Latina/Latino Studies Program has 12 core faculty and 15 faculty affiliates.

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material respects with applicable State and federal laws, University of Illinois *Statutes*, *The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure*, and Board of Trustees policies and directives.

The Vice President for Academic Affairs concurs with this recommendation. The University Senates Conference has indicated that no further Senate jurisdiction is involved.

The Interim President of the University recommends approval. This action is subject to further review and approval by the Illinois Board of Higher Education.