

UNIVERSITY CIRCLES

Program Name and Faculty: Major in Latin American and Caribbean Studies, Interdisciplinary Program, Faculty of Arts

Description	An Interdisciplinary Major in Latin American and Caribbean Studies, with participation from Anthropology, Fine Arts, History, Modern Languages (Spanish), Political Sciences, and Sociology,
Rationale	Latin American and Caribbean Studies is a growing field of teaching and research and should be an essential component of the programs at UBC-Okanagan. In a world more and more internationalized, there is an increasing demand for professionals with skills in international affairs. In particular, with strong trade ties being developed in the Americas through Free Trade and other initiatives, a Major in Latin American and Caribbean Studies will fulfill a long-felt gap in academic programming in the institution. More so, currently, OUC has a number of academics with expertise (teaching and research) in Latin America and the Caribbean to begin the development of such a program. Student interest in this initiative has been proven by the large enrolment in all the courses offered at OUC in this field of studies.
Resources Required	Resources to develop a language school in Latin America, library resources, (books, journals films, documentaries). Also faculty with specialization in the Caribbean for one or more of the following Departments: Geography, Fine Arts and maybe others.
Earliest Implementation Date	September 2005
Priority	High