


**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Faculty Senate

FROM: Bryan Slinker, Interim Provost and Executive Vice President 

SUBJECT: Discontinue Master of Arts in Hispanic Studies

DATE: October 4, 2019

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The attached proposal to discontinue the Master of Arts in Hispanic Studies has been reviewed by the Provost's Office. We have no concerns about the proposal. We feel the School of Languages, Cultures, and Race is taking an appropriate step given the lack of resources available to offer the degree, and opportunity exists within the American Studies program for students who are interested in this topic.

We judge it ready for the Senate review process. Please note that, though the form requests an indefinite suspension, SLCR director Dr. Carmen Lugo-Lugo indicates that they do wish to discontinue the degree.

## MASTER MORATORIUM OR SUSPENSION OF A DEGREE PROGRAM

**DEANS:** Use this form to request or remove a moratorium or suspension of a degree program or a certificate of 30 or more credits. Send this completed form in Word version electronically to the Office of the Provost: [provost.deg.changes@wsu.edu](mailto:provost.deg.changes@wsu.edu)

<b>Degree Title:</b>	M. A. Hispanic Studies		
<b>Academic Program:</b>	P6061		
<b>Academic Plan:</b>	P6061_0010		
<b>Number of Credits:</b>			
<b>Department(s) or Program(s):</b>	School of Languages, Cultures, and Race		
<b>College(s):</b>	College of Arts and Sciences		
<b>Campus(es):</b>	Pullman		
<b>Contact Name:</b>	Carmen R. Lugo-Lugo		
<b>Contact Phone:</b>	335-6173	<b>Email:</b>	clugo@wsu.edu
<b>Action Requested:</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Moratorium: Begin Date: ___ End Date: __ (Complete items 1-3)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Suspension: Begin Date: <u>August, 2020</u> End Date: _____ (Complete items 1-4)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Remove Moratorium: Effective Date: _____ (only complete items 5-7 below)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Remove Suspension: Effective Date: _____ (only complete items 5-7 below)			
<b>1. Rationale for moratorium or suspension:</b>			
<p>We are requesting an indefinite suspension of the Program. We realized that with the American Studies PhD Program, and with a pending retirement of at least one faculty member, we are not able to provide the necessary courses for the master's program. The Ph.D. in American Studies does have a "Latina/o and Latin American Studies" plan of study available to our Ph.D. students.</p>			

<p><b>2. Potential impact of moratorium or suspension on current students in the program:</b></p>
<p>The current students who are enrolled in the program will feel no impact from the suspension. They will be allowed to finish the program as it currently is. In fact, they are all currently scheduled to graduate in May 2020.</p>
<p><b>3. Potential impact of moratorium or suspension on faculty in the program:</b></p>
<p>The faculty members that are currently involved with the Hispanic Studies M.A. program will be able to participate in the “Latina/o and Latin American Studies” plan of study within the American Studies PhD program.</p>
<p><b>4. If requesting a suspension, please indicate whether a closure is under consideration; if so, include a time-line.</b></p>
<p>No courses for the master’s program in Hispanic studies will be offer<del>d</del> after Spring 2020.</p>
<p><b>5. If requesting to remove a moratorium or suspension, please indicate the conditions under which the program moratorium or suspension no longer apply.</b></p>
<p>N/A</p>
<p><b>6. If requesting to remove a moratorium or suspension, please indicate the resources from faculty and staff needed to reinstate the program are available, and whether there will be any potential impacts to other programs if reinstated.</b></p>


N/A

**7. If removing the program from suspension status, please explain the market demand for the program and a specific plan of sustainability for the program.**

N/A

**SIGNATURES:** The names typed below certify that the relevant academic and campus officials have reviewed and approved this proposal:

Chair Signature:		Date:	8.26.19
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Dean Signature:		Date:	8.26.2019
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VP Global Campus		Date:	
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