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Dear Fernando,

This letter reiterates International Studies' enthusiastic support for, and endorsement of, our jointly listed course, S&P/IS 640: "Globalization and Latin America: Multi-Disciplinary Perspectives". This course has already been offered twice as a group studies course and its success is clear evidence that it merits its own permanent number.

Thank you for your cooperation in making this course possible.

Best wishes,

Anthony Mughan
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Anthony Mughan



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Dear Committee Members:

As the Rationale for this course explains, *Globalization & Latin America: Multi-Disciplinary Approaches* is a crucial piece of the Center for Latin American Studies' efforts to promote interdisciplinary knowledge of the region.

The course will meet the needs and interests of both our undergraduate and graduate constituencies – those studying the region, whether they select the Latin American Studies (LAS) track of the Undergraduate International Studies Program and the LAS Interdisciplinary Specialization in International Studies (a graduate-level program) as their focus or not. The course will also support International Studies students seeking a minor in Globalization and those in several tracks in addition to Latin American Studies. It will also open new, interdisciplinary, opportunities of study to a large number of Spanish majors with interests beyond Latin America's languages, literatures, and cultures.

Having taught the course before, I can attest that the experience has been rewarding both for myself and for the students. The student, about 12-15 each time, have been mostly advanced undergraduate students (specializing in International Studies, Anthropology, Political Science, and Spanish, among other areas) and graduate or professional students (from History, Women's Studies, Rural Sociology, Education, Spanish and Portuguese, and Communications).

By bringing a range of internal and external guest speakers to the class, students benefit from a wide range of professional experiences and disciplinary perspectives on Latin America and on the broad topic of globalization.

The course has been offered as a group studies course before and is now (Spring 05) being taught by Professor Trigo (Spanish & Portuguese) with 14 students (and a couple of additional informal auditors). With permanent and cross-listed numbers (Spanish 640 and International Studies 640), it should be even more attractive to a wider range of students.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fernando Unzueta".

Fernando Unzueta
Director, Center for Latin American Studies
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