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Dear Colleagues:

The attached proposal from the Franklin College of Arts and Sciences for a new minor in Quechua will be an agenda item for the October 9, 2020, Full University Curriculum Committee meeting.

Sincerely,

John Maerz, Chair

University Curriculum Committee

cc: Provost S. Jack Hu  
Dr. Rahul Shrivastav

## PROPOSAL FOR MINOR PROGRAM OF STUDY

1. **School/College:** Franklin College of Arts and Sciences
2. **Department/Division:** Latin American and Caribbean Studies Institute
3. **Minor Name:** Quechua
4. **Proposed Effective Date:** Fall 2021
5. **Which campus(es) will offer this program?** Athens
6. **CIP:** 16010101
7. **Program Description:**

The purpose of the minor is to increase students' exposure to the culture and language of Quechua speaking populations in South America and beyond. The minor also provides additional opportunities for students to develop increased linguistic proficiency in speaking, reading, and writing in Quechua.

### 8. Program of Study:

- A minor must contain at least 9 hours of upper division course work.
- Courses taken to satisfy Core Areas I through V may not be counted as course work in the minor.
- Courses taken in Core Area VI may be counted as course work in the minor.
- All courses used to satisfy the minor requirement must be passed with a grade of "C" (2.0) or better.
- At least three of these courses must be taken in residence.

Students seeking a minor in Quechua must complete 15 hours as follows:

#### Prerequisites:

QUEC 1001, Elementary Quechua Language and Culture (4 hours)  
QUEC 1002, Elementary Quechua Language and Culture II (4 hours)

#### Required Courses (9 hours):

QUEC 2001, Intermediate Quechua Language and Culture I (3 hours)  
QUEC 2002, Intermediate Quechua Language and Culture II (3 hours)  
LACS 4010, Latin American Indigenous Languages I (3 hours)

**Elective Courses (6 hours):**

*Choose two from the following:*

GEOG 3290, Mountain Geography (3 hours)

GEOG 3640, The Geography of Human Rights (3 hours)

GEOG(LACS) 4720/6720, Geography of Latin America (3 hours)

HIST(LACS) 3235, Andean History: From Inka Empire to Plurinational State (3 hours)

HIST(LACS) 4230/6230, Supernatural Latin America: Readings on Witchcraft, Shamanism, and Popular Religion (3 hours)

LING 3830, Languages of the World (3 hours)

LING 4920/6920, Less-Taught Languages I (3 hours)

TXMI 5710/7710, Study Tour in Textiles, Merchandising, and Interiors (3 hours)

**TOTAL HOURS: 15**

**9. Justification**

As part of its successful application for the only National Resource Center Title VI Grant at UGA, the Latin American and Caribbean Studies Institute initiated its Quechua language program in 2014. Along with Portuguese (which currently offers a minor), Quechua is one of two less-commonly taught languages that qualify for Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships through the NRC Grant, both for academic year and summer study.

A few peer and aspirational universities currently offer varying levels of Quechua language instruction (UCLA, U. Penn, Michigan, NYU, Illinois, Pittsburgh, Utah), though to our knowledge, UGA would be the first institution to offer a Quechua minor.

Multiple students have expressed interest in the minor as a motivation for enrolling and continuing with the language, as it would offer a means to officially document their linguistic and cultural competency. We therefore believe the minor will additionally help draw attention to the language, highlight resources such as the FLAS opportunity for institutional and tuition support, and increase recruitment.

As an institute whose reach spans across campus and academic disciplines, LACS comprises core and affiliate faculty with cultural, political, and scientific expertise in Andean and indigenous studies as well as Latin American and Caribbean research. The minor will offer students who pursue training in this area a credential that will especially complement their scholarship and enhance their marketability to employers who work with emerging sectors across the region.

## Approvals on File

**Proposal:** Minor in Quechua

**College:** Franklin College of Arts and Sciences

**Department:** Latin American and Caribbean Studies Institute

**Proposed Effective Term:** Fall 2021

Department:

- Latin American and Caribbean Studies Institute Director, Dr. Amy Ross, 2/26/19

School/College:

- Franklin College of Arts and Sciences Associate Dean, Dr. Jean Martin-Williams, 9/16/20