

This template is to be used to propose moving an academic program to another academic organization, or within its current academic organization. A separate proposal must be submitted for each individual academic program in order to change its academic organization. Proposals to move degree programs from one college/school to another must be pre-approved on the annual [Academic Plan](#) submitted to ABOR.

PROGRAM INFORMATION

College/School/Institute: The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
 Unit(s) within college/school responsible for Academic program (Academic ORG): **CHSTCRIT**
 Requested effective term: **Summer** and year: **2020**

Plan Description: **American Studies**
 Degree/Program Offered: **Master of Arts**
 Plan Code: **LAAMSTMA**
 CIP Code:

Current Information:		Proposed Information	
Organization Code:	CHSTCRIT	Organization Code:	CSOCTRANS
Description:	Historical, Philosophical & Religious Studies, Sch	Description:	School of Social Transformation
Contact:	Dr. Richard Amesbury	Contact:	Dr. Pardis Mahdavi
Email/Phone:	Richard.Amesbury@asu.edu	Email/Phone:	Pardis.Mahdavi@asu.edu

Rationale for the proposed change:

The MA in American Studies aligns with the School of Social Transformation's expertise of the faculty with the understanding of the history of American Cultures and social conditions. Several of the SST faculty are listed on original proposal and there is a strong interest from the current student population.

PROPOSAL CONTACT

Name: Pardis Mahdavi Title: Director
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DEAN APPROVAL(S)

This proposal has been approved by all necessary unit and College/School levels of review. I recommend implementation of the proposed organizational change.

College/School/Division Dean name: Fabio Milner
 Signature *Fabio Milner* Date: 10/18/2019

College/School/Division Dean name: _____
 (if more than one college involved)
 Signature _____ Date: 1/20

Note: An electronic signature, an email from the dean or dean's designee, or a PDF of the signed signature page is acceptable.

UNIVERSITY APPROVAL(S)

Approved by Graduate College (if applicable) _____ Date: 1-9-20
 Office of the University Provost (final approval) _____ Date: _____

Processed by- University Registrar's Office _____ Date: _____

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December 17, 2019

Amanda Morales-Calderón
Graduate College, ASU
Tempe Campus

Dear Amanda,

I would like to formally request that Graduate College and the Provost authorize moving the MA in American Studies from SH.PRS to SST. Deans Jeffrey Cohen (Humanities) and Elizabeth Wentz (Social Sciences) support this move.

Here is a brief rationale for the request. The faculty in SHPRS who had initiated and supported the MA in American Studies have left ASU, and the remaining faculty are not interested in continuing the program. Many faculty in SST who were part of the planning of the MA originally wanted to continue the program. In addition, the majority of the faculty in SST do work in American Studies. SST faculty are engaged with the work currently being done in the field, and to have the degree be innovative and at the leading edge of the field, SST is the most logical place to house the degree program.

As for the request be considered out-of-cycle, it is important to note that there was a change in leadership at SST during the initial request to the Provost that led the new Associate Director to believe that the approval from Provost's Office had already been granted. SST also understood that they were expected to admit a cohort for Fall 2020. It seems they misunderstood the approval that was given last Spring and have since been operating as though the move was already approved and have then also submitted paperwork to change the AMS prefix to SST and to move the degree. In order for SST to open applications and make admissions for a Fall 2020 start, I would like to support this request for approval for the final move of the American Studies program from SHPRS to SST out of the normal program change/approval cycle.

I would finally request that this go through university governance at the same time as the ABOR review in order to speed up the process.

Below are the statements of support from both units.

Thank you for your support.

Best wishes,
Fabio Milner

Associate Dean of Graduate Initiatives

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Richard Amesbury

Monday, December 16, 2019 at 13:55

Fabio Milner

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Dear Fabio,

Thanks. Yes, SHPRS continues to support the transfer of the MA in American Studies and the AMS prefix to the School of Social Transformation.

All the best,
Richard

Richard Amesbury
Director, School of Historical, Philosophical & Religious Studies
Professor of Religious Studies
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From: Pardis Mahdavi <Pardis.Mahdavi@asu.edu>

Date: Monday, December 16, 2019 at 11:26 AM

To: Fabio Milner <milner@asu.edu>, "Lisa M. Anderson" <lmanderson@asu.edu>

Subject: Re: MA in American Studies

Dear Fabio,

Thank you for your email. This email is to formally indicate SST's enthusiastic support of transferring the MA in American Studies to the School of Social Transformation.
Please let me know if you have any other questions or need any further information.

Thank you,
Pardis

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