RESOLVED, that the program in Latin American and Latina/o Studies leading to the Bachelor of Arts at John Jay College be approved, subject to financial ability, effective July 1, 2014.

EXPLANATION: The addition of this BA program is yet another facet of John Jay College’s continuous efforts to advance its strategic agenda of becoming a traditional liberal arts with programs focusing on justice. The program follows a recent national trend of combining Latin American and Latina/o Studies into one academic program. The proposed curriculum includes coursework in the history, culture, society and politics of Latin American societies and U.S. Latina/o communities in addition to coursework in Spanish language acquisition and research methods. Students will be prepared for entry level careers with government agencies and international organizations. The curriculum provides students with excellent preparation for graduate work in areas such as law, journalism, and social work.