

**LEHMAN COLLEGE
OF THE
CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK**

DEPARTMENT OF LATIN AMERICAN AND LATINO STUDIES

CURRICULUM CHANGE

1. **Type of change:** *Experimental Course with cross-listing*

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Department(s)	Latin American and Latino Studies
Career	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Undergraduate <input type="checkbox"/> Graduate
Academic Level	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regular <input type="checkbox"/> Compensatory <input type="checkbox"/> Developmental <input type="checkbox"/> Remedial
Subject Area	LAC/LTS
Course Prefix & Number	LAC/LTS 200
Course Title	Bronx Food Humanities
Description	Interdisciplinary research methods to investigate food, culture and social justice in the Bronx. NOTE: Students will complete assignments and participate at institutions and learning spaces outside of the classroom. At least 5 in-person sessions will be held at the NY Botanical Garden
Pre/ Co Requisites	
Credits	3
Hours	3
Liberal Arts	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Course Attribute (e.g. Writing Intensive, WAC, etc)	WRIC
General Education Component	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable <input type="checkbox"/> Required <input type="checkbox"/> English Composition <input type="checkbox"/> Mathematics <input type="checkbox"/> Science <input type="checkbox"/> Flexible <input type="checkbox"/> World Cultures <input type="checkbox"/> US Experience in its Diversity <input type="checkbox"/> Creative Expression <input type="checkbox"/> Individual and Society

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3. Rationale:

The Bronx is abundant in culture, knowledge, practices, and networks that center food and social justice. The humanities are a dynamic way to holistically explore this abundance and elevate and inform narratives of the human experience that further principles of access and inclusion.

We have received a \$1.25 million grant from the Mellon Foundation for an arts and humanities and social justice-oriented Program in Bronx Food Humanities. This proposal is for a new course that would be the core course for students involved in the Bronx Food Humanities program. It would meet part of the time at Lehman and part of the time at NYBG, and building on research resources available at NYBG.

While the course would be housed in LALS, in the future, it is hoped that faculty across the Arts and Humanities departments would be able to teach it.

4. Learning Outcomes (By the end of the course students will be expected to):

- Formulate original research questions
- Employ holistic, qualitative research methods to answer research questions
- (if applicable) Participate in internship opportunities
- (if applicable) Prepare for a senior research project

All students in the course will benefit from a holistic approach to developing qualitative research skills in which they will formulate their own original research questions and design an appropriate methodology to answer it, while supported by their peers and by me.

With the Mellon funding, students in this course would have the opportunity to participate in paid internship opportunities, further coursework, cohort-building opportunities with other students interested in food justice and food humanities, and more.

Additionally, research projects completed in this seminar could be developed in future courses into a senior thesis or other capstone.

5. Date of Departmental Approval: January 23, 2026