

Frequently Asked Questions

While we are excited about the name change we recognize that it can cause some confusion for our students and alumni. In order to better understand the process and address any questions or concerns please take a look at the following list for answers to your questions.

1. When will the SJSU Catalog change go into effect?

The current online catalog already reflects the new department name change.

2. When will the SJSU Course Schedule go into effect?

The Fall 2019 Course Schedule will list the new name and prefix.

Tip: If you are trying to look up a course in our department for Fall 2018 in MySJSU you can still use the "MAS" prefix to look for courses.

3. When will the change of the name of the major/degree go into effect?

We are in the process of seeking approval for the degree name change. For now the names of the major/minor and degree remain the same. We expect the degree names to be updated with the new name starting Fall 2019.

4. How long will the SJSU Course Schedule and Catalog list Mexican American Studies? How will employers and schools verify past degrees and courses?

The current online catalog has made the switch but the current schedule of classes still has the old name and prefix. All past catalogs and course schedules will continue to list the old name and prefix. In addition, a historical link is maintained within our university databases linking the old and new name to enable students, employers, and schools to verify courses and degrees.

5. When will diplomas list the new name and will students have a choice during the transition period?

We are working on the next phase of approvals to make this change. If all goes as planned we expect this to take effect Fall 2019. There will be an opportunity for current students to have a say regarding their choice of degree name. When we have more information on this process we will contact current students in our program via email.

6. When will the signage on campus reflect the new name?

A request has been made to our campus facilities to change the signage in our building and hope to see new signs coming up soon.

If your question is not addressed among the questions listed please feel free to contact our department office at (408) 924-5760 for further assistance.