

UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE FORMS

Academic Program Approval

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Date: _____October 15, 2009_____

Action: Revise Spanish Studies major—create **OPTION I: Language and Literature; OPTION II: Language, Literature, and Intensive Portuguese ; Option III: Language and Culture ; and Option IV: Language, Culture, and Intensive Portuguese**

(Example: add major/minor/concentration, delete major/minor/concentration, revise major/minor/concentration, academic unit name change, request for permanent status, policy change, etc.)

Effective term _____ **10F** _____
(use format 04F, 05W)

Current degree _____ **BA** _____
(Example: BA, BACH, BACJ, HBA, EDD, MA, MBA, etc.)

Proposed change leads to the degree of: _____ **BA** _____
(Example: BA, BACH, BACJ, HBA, EDD, MA, MBA, etc.)

Proposed names: Spanish Studies: Language and Literature; Spanish Studies: Language, Literature, and Intensive Portuguese; Spanish Studies: Language and Culture; Spanish Studies: Language, Culture, and Intensive Portuguese
Proposed new name for revised or new major / minor / concentration / academic unit
(if applicable)

Revising or Deleting:

Undergraduate major / Concentration: Creating four study options to the Major: Foreign Languages and Literatures, Concentration: Spanish Studies.

(Example: Applied Music – Instrumental degree BMAS)

Options: I. Language and Literature; II. Language, Literature, and Intensive Portuguese; III. Language and Culture; IV. Language, Culture, and Intensive Portuguese

Undergraduate minor: _____
(Example: African Studies, Business Administration, English, Leadership, etc.)

Graduate Program Policy statement change: _____
(**Must attach** your Graduate Program Policy Statement)

Graduate Program of Study: _____
(Example: Animal Science: MS Animal Science: PHD Economics: MA Economics: PHD)

Graduate minor / concentration: _____

List new courses required for the new or revised curriculum. How do they support the overall program objectives of the major/minor/concentrations)?

(Be aware that approval of the curriculum is dependent upon these courses successfully passing through the Course Challenge list. If there are no new courses enter “None”)

SPAN/LAMS 475. (SPAN 475 already exists, LAMS 475 and the cross-listing with LAMS is new.)

Explain, when appropriate, how this new/revised curriculum supports the 10 goals of undergraduate education:
<http://www.ugs.udel.edu/gened/>

1) Attain effective skills in oral and written communication, quantitative reasoning, and the use of information technology.

Written communication in Spanish and perfection of grammatical structures are the objectives of SPAN 200, 300 and 401, while SPAN 205 and 305 focus on oral communication, conversation and culture. Indeed, studying the Spanish language and Hispanic culture is all about attaining linguistic and cultural skills that

enable us to communicate effectively with Spanish speakers.

Research shows that knowledge of other languages boosts students' understanding of languages in general and enables students to use their native language more effectively. This applies to specific language skills as well as overall linguistic abilities. Foreign language learners have stronger vocabulary skills in English, a better understanding of the language, and improved literacy in general. Higher reading achievement in the native language as well as enhanced listening skills and memory have been shown to correlate with extended foreign language study.

Source: http://www.vistawide.com/languages/why_languages2-4.htm

2) Learn to think critically to solve problems.

SPAN 201, the literary survey courses (SPAN 301, 302, 303, and 304), 355, 370, and the 400-level literature courses all incorporate a critical approach to literary texts. Students must think critically about texts, analyzing development of themes, character development, and literary techniques. The culture courses, SPAN 307, 308, 325, 326 and 475, take a critical approach to cultural problems.

Furthermore, because learning a language involves a variety of learning skills, studying a foreign language can enhance one's ability to learn and function in several other areas. People who have learned foreign languages show greater cognitive development in areas such as mental flexibility, creativity, and higher order thinking skills, such as problem-solving, conceptualizing, and reasoning. In addition to cognitive benefits, the study of foreign languages leads to the acquisition of some important life skills. Because language learners learn to deal with unfamiliar cultural ideas, they are much better equipped to adapt and cope in a fast-changing world. They also learn to effectively handle new situations.

Source: http://www.vistawide.com/languages/why_languages2-4.htm

3) Be able to work and learn both independently and collaboratively.

Students must work independently to master many of the components of language skills—for instance, learning verb conjugations and vocabulary is often independent work. Literary readings are largely independent work as well. On the other hand, there is frequent collaborative work in language, literature, and culture classrooms. Students often work in pairs or in small groups to solve problems. The collaborative development of skits and dialogues is an important component of SPAN 205 and 305 in particular. Composition classes often incorporate peer editing sessions. Also, some class assignments involve group projects and presentations that require collaborative work outside of class.

4) Engage questions of ethics and recognize responsibilities to self, community, and society at large.

As part of the subject matter of conversation, literature, and culture courses, students learn about and engage ethic and social issues that Latino/Hispanic cultures face. For instance in the culture courses, students will address issues such as urban problems; political issues including authoritarian regimes, revolutions, and the consolidation of democracies; immigration; environmental issues; and health care. In addition, service learning is incorporated into several courses, such as SPAN 305 and study abroad programs.

5) Understand the diverse ways of thinking that underlie the search for knowledge in the arts, humanities, sciences and social sciences.

Many important literary and artistic works have been written in Spanish. A translation can never wholly communicate the intent, style, and uniqueness of the original version; to be able to fully appreciate the innuendoes and cultural references of literature, theater, and film, one must be able to access them in the original language.

Additionally, in the literature and culture courses, students study diverse forms of expression that underlie different forms of thinking, such as literary texts, essays, music, art works, and political manifestos.

6) Develop the intellectual curiosity, confidence, and engagement that will lead to lifelong learning.

Once we begin to study other cultures we have opened the door to lifelong learning. As students begin to study the language, literary expression, and culture of the Hispanic world, they realize that they have only scratched

the surface of a vast and infinite network of cultural knowledge.

Students are encouraged to explore the context and implications of literary works and cultural issues. For instance if in SPAN 415 a student studies a novel that depicts the life of citizens during the recent dictatorship in Argentina (1976-1983), they will want to know what led to the implantation of an authoritarian regime, why the military pursued certain individuals or groups of individuals, what was happening in neighboring countries, what countries had authoritarian governments and how these differed, what countries had socialist revolutions and what was their outcome, what other literary and artistic works depict dictatorships, what is the current situation of the country and so on. Likewise, if in SPAN 326 they study urban problems of Mexico City or environmental issues in the Amazon basin, these issues will generate another series of questions and fields of inquiry. Students learn that each piece of knowledge, cultural or linguistic issue, or artistic work with which they engage is part of a vast cultural network that they can pursue for the rest of their lives.

7) Develop the ability to integrate academic knowledge with experiences that extend the boundaries of the classroom.

With the study of foreign languages, literatures and culture, the “classroom” has no boundaries. Everything students learn in the courses they take for the Spanish major is relevant to their experiences beyond the classroom, and this learning is vital in their interactions in foreign countries or with diverse cultures in the United States.

A prime example of use of classroom learning outside the classroom setting is participation in study abroad programs. Indeed, the vast majority of UD Spanish majors do participate in study abroad, many students taking advantage of more than one of the department’s study abroad offerings in Spanish-speaking countries, currently including Spain, Mexico, Costa Rica, Panama, Ecuador, Chile, and Argentina. Students who choose the enriched option with Portuguese have the opportunity to study in Brazil. During their study abroad experience, students draw from and expand on their classroom learning constantly as they interact with local people and go about daily life in another country. And of course interaction in other languages and with other cultures is not limited to experiences outside of the United States. Every time students interact with international students, listen to music, watch movies, read a newspaper or magazine or consult a Website in another language, they are using their classroom knowledge beyond the boundaries of the classroom.

8) Expand understanding and appreciation of human creativity and diverse forms of aesthetic and intellectual expressions.

In the classes for the Spanish major, students will learn to appreciate human creativity and aesthetic and intellectual expressions. In SPAN 201 and in the literary survey courses in particular, students will study diverse literary genres—narrative, poetry, drama, and essay—with an eye toward an understanding of the distinctive characteristics of each genre.

In these classes and in the upper division literature classes, students reflect on the artistic value of literary works. Culture classes will include study of other forms of aesthetic expression, such as plastic art, music, and film.

9) Understand the foundations of United States society including the significance of its cultural diversity.

To able to fully understand one’s own culture, one must look at it from the outside as well from the inside, that is from the perspective of another culture. There are aspects of our own culture that we accept as absolute and never question until we view these practices or beliefs through the eyes of a culture and people with different customs, values, and beliefs. Indeed, there are university programs in U.S. Studies that require study outside of the country as an integral part of the course of study.

And of course, Hispanics make up an increasingly large segment of the population of the United States. By learning their language and about the cultural background and history of Hispanic groups in the United States—especially why they have chosen to or felt compelled to immigrate to the U.S.—is crucial to understanding the Hispanic societies in the United States and appreciating the challenges many face. SPAN 326 and other courses include segments specifically about Latinos/Hispanics in the United States.

10) Develop an international perspective in order to live and work effectively in an increasingly global society.

Learning another language is the key that gives learners access to another culture, enabling them to step inside the mind and context of that culture and understand it on its own terms. A person competent in other languages can understand foreign news sources and provide insights into other perspectives on international situations and current events. In addition to language learning, the courses required for the Spanish major teach students about Hispanic culture and values, helping them to understand and appreciate cultural values and belief structures that differ from their own. While all courses include the study of culture, SPAN 307, 308, 325 and 326 have it as their central focus. And, of course, the opportunity to live in another culture via participation in one of the many FLL study abroad offerings in Spanish-speaking countries and in Brazil is crucial to the development of an international perspective.

Identify other units affected by the proposed changes:

(Attach permission from the affected units. If no other unit is affected, enter "None")
Latin American Studies (LAMS). A note from the LAMS Director is attached.

Please note: The History, Political Science, Anthropology, Art History courses taught in Spanish are offered during UD's study abroad semesters. ARTH339, HIST339 and POSC441 are offered in Spanish every fall and every spring semester in UD's program in Granada, Spain. ANTH375, HIST336 and POSC450 are offered in Spanish every spring semester in UD's program in Puebla, Mexico.

Describe the rationale for the proposed program change(s):

(Explain your reasons for creating, revising, or deleting the curriculum or program.)

We are creating four different tracks, or "options" for students who choose the Spanish Studies concentration of the Foreign Languages and Literatures major. The current catalog offers a single track. The new options will allow students to choose between a track focused on language and literature and a track focused on language and culture. Students also have the possibility of choosing the options including Intensive Portuguese studies.

1. Rationale for revised Language and Literature Option (Option I)

This revised program reduces the major from 42 to 36 credits while strengthening the Spanish language component by eliminating the Related Work which students were able to take in English. The new major offers students the possibility of taking two courses in another discipline taught in Spanish. (These courses are currently available in our study abroad semesters in Spain and Mexico.) It also streamlines the listing of the program by eliminating the long list of courses accepted for Related Work.

2. Rationale for Language, Literature, and Intensive Portuguese Option (Option II)

The Enhanced Option with Intensive Portuguese allows those students who are interested in learning Portuguese to earn an enhanced degree which acknowledges this additional language study.

3. Rationale for Language and Culture Option (Option III)

We have found that many of our students are not interested in the traditional Spanish major with a heavy literature requirement, and instead are oriented toward the study of language and culture. This new orientation of students of Spanish is described in an article published in the *Chronicle of Higher Education* entitled "Hispanic Studies Must Reform to Stave Off Obsolescence" (Dec. 19, 2008). "Previously students chose upper-division Spanish courses to pursue literary interests and perhaps prepare for graduate studies," writes Frank Graziano, author of the article. "But today most of the students are double major or minors with primary interest in a range of disciplines. Those students view Hispanic studies in the context of broader academic and career goals. They seek a working knowledge of Spanish and an understanding of Hispanic-world regions to enhance their effectiveness as professionals among Spanish-speaking peoples here and abroad."

The new Spanish Studies: Language & Culture track is designed to meet the needs of the student population described above. This major only requires two courses in literary studies—an introductory course at the 200-level and a literary survey course at the 300-level. At the 400-level, majors are free to choose advanced language study, culture courses, or literature, if they wish. Thus, strength of this track is its flexibility—students can select the combination of courses that best suits their learning goals and career objectives. Importantly, the new track offers students the possibility of taking two courses in other disciplines taught in Spanish, thus integrating study of the Hispanic world from different disciplinary perspectives and featuring a "Spanish-Across-the-Curriculum" approach. These courses are currently

available in our study abroad semesters in Spain and Mexico.

In this 36-credit major all of the course work is taken in the Spanish language.

4. Rationale for Language, Culture, and Intensive Portuguese Option (Option IV)

The Enhanced Option with Intensive Portuguese allows those students who are interested in learning Portuguese to earn an enhanced degree which acknowledges this additional language study.

Program Requirements for Options I & II: Language and Literature; Language, Literature, and Intensive Portuguese

(Show the new or revised curriculum as it should appear in the Course Catalog. If this is a revision, be sure to indicate the changes being made to the current curriculum and **include a side-by-side comparison** of the credit distribution before and after the proposed change.)

Spanish Studies: Language & Literature

Option I. Spanish Studies: Language and Literature

13 courses (42 credits), as follows:

Twelve courses (36 credits), as follows:

courses in Spanish (33 credits):

Ten **SPAN** courses (30 credits):

- SPAN 2003
- SPAN 201 3
- SPAN 300 3
- SPAN 301, 302, 303, 304, 355, 370 6
- SPAN 308, 325, 326 3
- SPAN 4xx (Literature) 3
- SPAN 400-level courses (language, literature, film, culture) 6

- SPAN 2003
- SPAN 201 3
- SPAN 300 3
- Two of SPAN 301, 302, 303, 304, 355, 370 6
- One of SPAN 307, 308, 325, 3263
- One of SPAN 2xx or 3xx.....3
- Two SPAN 4xx (literature)6
- One SPAN 400-level courses (language, literature, film, culture)....3

Capstone Experience: Capstone Seminar (SPAN490) or Thesis (SPAN466)
 prior approval of faculty advisor required; UNIV401/402, or Honors
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Work

9 courses (9 credits) to be chosen from the following: 9

One course in Spanish (3 credits) to be chosen from the following....3
 SPAN 4xx or a course in other disciplines taught *in the Spanish language*
 (usually as study abroad courses): History, Political Science, Anthropology,
 Art History

- SPAN 2xx, SPAN 207, SPAN 208, SPAN 3xx, SPAN 4xx,
- SPAN 216 Intensive Portuguese for Spanish Students, I
- SPAN 316 Intensive Portuguese for Spanish Students, II
- SPAN 207 Brazil: Past and Present (taught abroad only)
- SPAN 202, any FLLT course numbered 320-330
- SPAN 337 Brazil through Film
- SPAN 436 Politics and Literature
- SPAN 475 (Literary Criticism)
- SPAN 4226 Geography of Latin America
- SPAN 339, ARTH 338, ARTH 339, POSC 441, ANTH 367
 (courses offered abroad)

NOTE: Students wishing to pursue a linguistics option in Spanish Studies
 should consult their advisor or the Associate Chair of the department.

ELECTIVES

After required courses are completed, sufficient elective credits must be
 taken to meet the minimum credit requirement for the degree.

CREDITS TO TOTAL A MINIMUM OF..... 124

SPAN 411 Politics of Developing Nations

SPAN 426 Latin American Political Systems

SPAN 436 Politics and Literature

SPAN 450 Problems of Latin American Politics

SPAN 355 Introduction to Latin American History

Program Requirements for Options III & IV: Language and Culture; Language, Culture, and Intensive Portuguese

SPAN 311 History of the Caribbean I

Program Requirements:

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ELECTIVES

After required courses are completed, sufficient elective credits must be
 taken to meet the minimum credit requirement for the degree.

CREDITS TO TOTAL A MINIMUM OF.....124

Option II. Spanish Studies: Language, Literature, and Intensive Portuguese

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

14 courses (42 credits), as follows:

Same major requirements as above36 credits

18 History of Spain, 1479-Present
Option III. Spanish Studies: Language & Culture

19 Modern Hispanic Societies, 1800-Present
MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

30 Twentieth-Century Latin American Revolutions
12 courses (36 credits), as follows.

77 Seminar in Latin American History
Nine SPAN courses (27 credits).

- SPAN 200 3
- 251 Ethnic Arts
SPAN 201 3
- SPAN 300 3
- 265 High Civilizations of the Americas
One of SPAN 301, 302, 303, 304, 355, 370 3
- One of SPAN 307, 308, 325, 326 3
- 323 Prehistory of South America
One of SPAN 2xx or 3xx 3
- One of SPAN 3xx or 4xx 3
- 328 Mayan Art and Architecture (offered abroad only)
Two SPAN 4xx 6

337 South American Indians
Capstone Experience: SPAN/LAMS 475..... 3

338 Arts and Crafts of Native South America
Two courses in Spanish (6 credits) to be chosen from the following: 6

351 **SPAN 4xx and/or courses in other disciplines taught in the Spanish language** (usually as study abroad courses): History, Political Science, Anthropology, Art History

375 Peoples and Cultures of Modern Latin America

380 **ELECTIVES** Cultures of Mexico and Central America

After required courses are completed, sufficient elective credits must be taken

2 to meet the minimum credit requirement for the degree.

CREDITS TO TOTAL A MINIMUM OF 124

419 Seminar in Spanish Art of the Golden Age

440 Seminar in Latin American Art

Option IV. Spanish Studies: Language, Culture, and Intensive Portuguese

311 Economics of Developing Countries

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

19 Sociology of Latin America

14 courses (42 credits), as follows:

RJU322 Crowds, Cults, and Revolutions

Same major requirements as above 36 credits

350 Topics in International Women's Studies: Latin America

PORT 216 and 316..... 6

ELECTIVES

After required courses are completed, sufficient elective credits must be taken to meet the minimum credit requirement for the degree.

ROUTING AND AUTHORIZATION: (Please do not remove supporting documentation.)

Department Chairperson _____ Date _____

Dean of College _____ Date _____

Chairperson, College Curriculum Committee _____ Date _____

Chairperson, Senate Com. on UG or GR Studies _____ Date _____

Chairperson, Senate Coordinating Com. _____ Date _____

Secretary, Faculty Senate _____ Date _____

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Subject: Approval of Spanish Language/Culture track

To: Cynthia Schmidt-Cruz <csc@UDel.Edu>

Dear Cindy,

As Director of the Latin American Studies Program, I approve the new Spanish Studies Language and Culture option as well as the new Spanish Studies Language, Culture and Intensive Portuguese option, and will welcome students from these major options into my LAMS475 class which will be cross-listed with SPAN475.

Yours,

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