PROPOSED CHANGES TO DEGREE PROGRAMS IN THE
UNDERGRADUATE CATALOG, 2010-2012
or
LAW SCHOOL CATALOG, 2010-2012

DEGREE PROGRAMS: 1) BACHELOR OF ARTS WITH A MAJOR IN SPANISH; BACHELOR OF ARTS WITH A MAJOR IN PORTUGUESE

EXPLAIN CHANGES TO DEGREE PROGRAMS:

Changes to the Spanish major:
1. The concentration “Spanish and Portuguese” is moved from the Spanish major to the Portuguese Major.
2. The “Hispanic Linguistics” concentration is significantly modified.
3. Minor changes are made in the concentrations “Hispanic Studies,” and “Language Teaching.”
4. Two new courses are being added to the “Hispanic Linguistics” concentration:
   SPN 353: Introduction to Hispanic Sociolinguistics
   SPN 361: Experimental Design in Phonetics
5. One new course is added to the Hispanic Studies concentration:
   SPN 350K: Topics in Hispanic Film

Changes to the Portuguese major:
1. There are now two concentrations instead of a single Portuguese major.
2. In the concentration “Portuguese,” the upper-division course-work is changed from twenty-four to twenty-seven hours. Required courses are now specified instead of being left unspecified.
3. The concentration “Spanish and Portuguese” has moved to the Portuguese major from the Spanish major.
4. Minor changes are made to this concentration to indicate specific course-work required.
5. Five new courses are being added to the Portuguese major:
   PRC 325E: Brazilian Studies
   POR 327M: Brazilian Culture and Literature of the Twentieth Century and After
   POR 330: Lusophone African Literatures and Cultures
   POR 350K: Luso-Brazilian Film
   POR 352: Brazilian and Spanish American Literature

Indicate pages in the Undergraduate Catalog where changes will be made.

The above changes are made to the Portuguese degree program on p. 327, and to the Spanish degree program on p. 329 of the Undergraduate Catalog.

GIVE A DETAILED RATIONALE FOR CHANGE(S):
1. The “Spanish and Portuguese” concentration combines equal hours of preparation in language, culture and linguistics in Hispanic and Lusophone studies (fifteen
hours in each). It could be equally housed under either the Spanish or Portuguese major, since it is a joint program. We are transferring it from the Spanish major to the Portuguese one in order to emphasize the importance of Portuguese (Lusophone) studies, because, as the smaller of the two programs, it deserves first billing in a joint venture. Moreover, recent additions to our faculty, the addition as well of new Portuguese courses in our inventory, and the restructuring of the Portuguese concentration of the Portuguese major all confirm that this is an area of growing interest and importance in our discipline and in our department.

2. We are changing the Hispanic Linguistics concentration to incorporate two new courses, one in sociolinguistics and the other in experimental design in phonetics, and to improve this concentration after evaluating the results of having required a minor in Linguistics for approximately the last ten years. This requirement has not panned out and we are eliminating it, while requiring 24 hours of language and linguistics studies in our department instead of 21 (both out of a total of 27).

3. The minor changes in the concentrations of “Hispanic Linguistics” and “Language Teaching” are fine-tuning efforts that reflect changed prerequisites in the sequence of linguistics courses and additions to the linguistics course inventory.

4. The minor changes to the “Hispanic Studies” concentration consist of clarification that SPN 367K may be used only once to fulfill degree requirements, and the addition of a new course, SPN 350K, as a degree fulfillment option. This latter addition reflects evolving areas of study in our field and amongst our faculty.

5. We are changing the “Portuguese” concentration of the Portuguese major from 24 hours to 27 hours to be consistent with what we require in four Spanish concentrations. We are specifying courses and ranges of courses to make a more structured concentration for three reasons: to give students a more precise framework of expectations for the major; to facilitate more coordination between our faculty members in which courses they teach and in what sequence; and to reflect substantial changes in the Portuguese and Portuguese Civilization course inventories (we propose adding five new courses, in response to the increased number of faculty engaged in this discipline).

6. We are also fine-tuning the second Portuguese concentration, “Spanish and Portuguese” by listing explicitly which Portuguese and Portuguese Civilization courses are required, for the same reasons described above. The change to the “Portuguese” concentration, which includes requiring twenty-seven hours instead of twenty-four constitutes an increase that is consistent with the requirements of four other departmental major concentrations: Hispanic Studies; Literature; Hispanic Linguistics; and Language Teaching. We see this addition as a means of strengthening the “Portuguese” concentration. It is appropriate in the context of our other concentrations.

The addition of new courses to the majors will not require additional resources. We plan to staff these courses with current faculty and the new faculty who will be joining us in the fall of 2009.
SCOPE OF THE PROPOSED CHANGES:

Does this proposal impact other colleges/schools? If yes, then how? No.

Will this proposal change the number of required hours for degree completion? If yes, please explain. No.

Does this proposal involve changes to the core curriculum (42-hour core, signature courses, flags)? If yes, please explain. No.

COLLEGE/SCHOOL APPROVAL PROCESS:

(Circle yes or no)
Department: Yes  Date: May 12, 2009
College: Yes  Date:  
Dean: Yes  Date:  

CHANGES IN REQUIREMENTS FOR THE BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE WITH A MAJOR IN SPANISH IN THE COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS CHAPTER OF THE UNDERGRADUATE CATALOG, 2010-2012

On page 329, under the heading DEGREES in the Majors and minors subsection of the College of Liberal Arts chapter of the Undergraduate Catalog, 2008-2010, make the following changes:

Spanish Major:
Each student must complete one of the following concentrations.

1. Hispanic Studies: Twenty-seven semester hours of upper-division coursework in Spanish, consisting of (a) Spanish 327G, 327W, and six additional hours in grammar, composition, and language chosen from Spanish 345L, 346, and 367K (only one section of 367K may be counted), and 368L; (b) nine hours in literature, including Spanish 351 or a course numbered above 351; and (c) Spanish 322K or 328, and three additional hours in civilization chosen from Spanish 322K, 328, [and] 350, and 350K.

2. Literature: Twenty-seven semester hours of upper-division coursework in Spanish, consisting of (a) Spanish 327G, 327W, and three additional hours in grammar, composition, and language chosen from Spanish 346 and 367K; (b) twelve hours in literature, consisting of either Spanish 325K or 325L; either 326K or 326L; 351; and either 365K or 375; (c) an additional three-hour literature course numbered above 351; and (d) Spanish 322K or 328.

3. Hispanic Linguistics: Twenty-seven semester hours of upper-division coursework in Spanish, consisting of (a) Spanish 327G, 327W, 345L, and 346, [and] 364L, 367K, and 368L; (b) three hours in literature; and (c) [Spanish 322K or 328. Students who choose this concentration must minor in linguistics; their coursework in the minor must include Linguistics 306.] three hours of literature, selected from 325K, 325L, 326K, and 326L.

4. Language Teaching: Twenty-seven semester hours of upper-division coursework in Spanish, consisting of (a) Spanish 327G, 327W, [either] 345L [or 368L], 346, 364L, and 367K (Topic 1:  

Advanced Oral Expression for Teachers); (b) six hours in literature, including Spanish 351 or a course numbered above 351; and (c) Spanish 322K or 328.

5. [Spanish and Portuguese: Thirty semester hours of upper division coursework in Spanish and Portuguese, consisting of (a) Spanish 327G; (b) Portuguese 326K or 362; (c) nine hours in Spanish literature, consisting of either Spanish 325K or 325L, either 326K or 326L, and 351 or a course numbered above 351; (d) nine hours of Luso-Brazilian literature; (e) Spanish 322K or 328; and (f) either Portuguese 341 or an upper division course in Luso-Brazilian civilization chosen in consultation with the Portuguese adviser.]

Minor for Spanish majors: Either (1) twelve semester hours, including at least six hours of upper-division coursework, in any one other field of study in the University; or (2) nine semester hours of coursework beyond 507 or the equivalent in a second foreign language, including at least three hours of upper-division coursework. Six of the required hours must be taken in residence. [Students in the Hispanic linguistics concentration must minor in linguistics; their coursework in the minor must include Linguistics 306.]

CHANGES IN REQUIREMENTS FOR THE BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE WITH A MAJOR IN PORTUGUESE IN THE COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS CHAPTER OF THE UNDERGRADUATE CATALOG, 2010-2012

On page 327, under the heading DEGREES in the Majors and minors subsection of the College of Liberal Arts chapter of the Undergraduate Catalog, 2008-2010, make the following changes:

Portuguese
Major: [Twenty-four semester hours of upper-division coursework in Portuguese, three hours of which must have Luso-Brazilian content.] Each student must complete one of the following concentrations:

1. Portuguese: Twenty-seven semester hours of upper-division coursework in Portuguese, consisting of (a) three hours of advanced grammar in Portuguese 362; (b) six hours of civilization/culture or linguistics, chosen from the following: PRC 320E, PRC 325E (only one PRC course may be counted), Portuguese 321, 341, 350K, and 364L; (c) eighteen hours of Luso-Brazilian literature, chosen from the following: Portuguese 327K, 327L, 327M, 328, 329, 352, and 375;

2. Spanish and Portuguese: Thirty semester hours of upper-division coursework in Spanish and Portuguese, consisting of (a) Spanish 327G; (b) Portuguese 362; (c) nine hours of Spanish literature, consisting of either Spanish 325K or 325L; Spanish 326K or 326L; Spanish 351 or a course numbered above 351; nine hours of Luso-Brazilian literature, chosen from the following: Portuguese 327K, 327L, 327M, 328, 329, 352, and 375; (e) Spanish 322K or 328; and (f) three hours of Luso-Brazilian civilization and culture, chosen from the following: PRC 320E, PRC 325E, POR 341, and POR 350K.