



# UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

April 5, 2007

*Mark A. Emmert, President*

Interim Dean Ron Irving  
College of Arts and Sciences  
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Dear David:

Based on the recommendation of its Subcommittee on Admissions and Programs, the Faculty Council on Academic Standards has recommended approval of the revised admission requirements for Bachelor of Arts degree in Spanish. A copy of the change is attached.

I am writing to inform you that the Division of Spanish and Portuguese Studies is authorized to specify these requirements beginning autumn quarter 2007.

The new requirements should be incorporated in printed statements and in individual department websites as soon as possible. The *General Catalog* website will be updated accordingly by the Registrar's Office.

Sincerely yours,

Mark A. Emmert  
President

Enclosure

cc: Ms. Elena Johns (with enclosure)  
Mr. Robert Corbett (with enclosure)  
Dr. Deborah H. Wiegand (with enclosure)  
Todd Mildon, J.D. (with enclosure SPAN-20070130)



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**CREATING AND CHANGING UNDERGRADUATE  
 ACADEMIC PROGRAMS**

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College <b>Arts and Sciences</b>	Department or Unit <b>Spanish and Portuguese Studies</b>	Date <b>1/30/07</b>
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**New Programs**

- Leading to a Bachelor of \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ degree.
- Leading to a Bachelor of \_\_\_\_\_ degree with a major in \_\_\_\_\_.
- Leading to a \_\_\_\_\_ Option within the existing major in \_\_\_\_\_.
- Leading to a minor in \_\_\_\_\_.

**Changes to Existing Programs**

- New Admission Requirements for the Major in \_\_\_\_\_ within the Bachelor of \_\_\_\_\_.
- Revised Admission Requirements for the Major in Spanish within the Bachelor of Arts.
- Revised Program Requirements for the Major in \_\_\_\_\_ within the Bachelor of \_\_\_\_\_.
- Revised Requirements for the Option in \_\_\_\_\_ within the major in \_\_\_\_\_.
- Revised Requirements for the Minor in \_\_\_\_\_.

**Other Changes**

- Change name of program from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.
- New or Revised Continuation Policy for \_\_\_\_\_.
- Eliminate program in \_\_\_\_\_.

Proposed Effective Date:

**Quarter:**  Autumn  Winter  Spring  Summer **Year: 2007**

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**EXPLANATION OF AND RATIONALE FOR PROPOSED CHANGE**

For new programs, please include any relevant supporting documentation such as student learning outcomes, projected enrollments, letters of support and departmental handouts. *(Use additional pages if necessary).*

Eliminate the second English Composition course which is currently one of several admission requirements.

Several years ago, the department added a second English Composition course to our admission requirements in an effort to improve students' writing skills before they undertook upper division coursework in Spanish.

This requirement, which we have found to have had little or no positive effect, delays admission and timely progress towards completion of a major that already requires two years of preparatory coursework before students can apply. By facilitating access to the major sooner, students will graduate on schedule.

**CATALOG COPY**

Catalogue Copy as currently written. Include only sections/paragraphs that would be changed if your request is approved. Please cross out or otherwise highlight any deletions.

**PROPOSED CATALOG COPY**

Reflecting requested changes (Include exact wording as you wish it to be shown in the printed catalog. Please underline or otherwise highlight any additions. If needed, attach a separate, expanded version of the changes that might appear in department publications)

**SIGNATURES (required)**

Chair/Program Director	<i>Anthony J. Keist</i>	Date	30 Jan 07
Dean	<i>E. P. Kani</i>	Date	FEB 28 2007
College Committee	<i>Peppil</i>	Date	FEB 28 2007
Faculty Council on Academic Standards	<i>George Hill</i>	Date	30 Mar 2007

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Current Catalog Copy:

### **Department Admission Requirements**

1. Completion of SPAN 203, with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.70 for all Spanish course work completed and a minimum grade of 2.5 in each Spanish course.
2. Completion of at least ~~10~~ credits of English composition with a minimum grade of 2.5 in each course. ~~The student may apply while concurrently enrolled in the second English composition course.~~
3. Admission is competitive, based on the following minimum qualifications:
  - a. Preparation for the major as indicated by a student's grades in courses required for application
  - b. Overall scholastic record
  - c. Personal statement, in Spanish, of interest in and commitment to the major. Other evidence reflecting the student's interest may be appended.

Completion of the above requirements does not guarantee admission.

4. Application deadline is the first Friday of autumn, winter, and spring quarters, for admission in the fifth week of the same quarter. Applicants denied admission may submit written petitions requesting reconsideration. Applications are available in C104F Padelford.

Proposed Catalog Copy:

### **Department Admission Requirements**

1. Completion of SPAN 203, with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.70 for all Spanish course work completed and a minimum grade of 2.5 in each Spanish course.
2. Completion of at least 5 credits of English composition with a minimum grade of 2.5.
3. Admission is competitive, based on the following minimum qualifications:
  - a. Preparation for the major as indicated by a student's grades in courses required for application
  - b. Overall scholastic record
  - c. Personal statement, in Spanish, of interest in and commitment to the major. Other evidence reflecting the student's interest may be appended.

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