

# UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

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Mark A. Emmert, President

November 5, 2007

Interim Dean Ron Irving College of Arts and Sciences Box 353765

Dear Ron:

Based on the recommendation of its Subcommittee on Admissions and Programs, the Faculty Council on Academic Standards has recommended approval of the revised requirements for the 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 winter quarter 2008.

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: Dr. Suzanne Petersen (with enclosure)

Spanish Advising Office (with enclosure)

Mr. Robert Corbett (with enclosure)

Dr. Deborah H. Wiegand (with enclosure)

Todd Mildon, J.D. (with enclosure SPAN-20070730)





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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).

The proposed changes to the Spanish major reduce from 13 (59-65cr) to 12 (58-60cr) the number of required courses, eliminating two 300-level electives and increasing by one course the required 400-level work. The one remaining 300-level elective must now be a literature course and, of the five 400-level electives now required, four must be in literary and cultural studies. Additionally we recommend both, but require either a study abroad quarter or a minimum of 50 hrs of Experiential Learning in the Spanish-speaking community. The effect of these changes will be to 1) facilitate timely completion of major requirements while guaranteeing adequate preparation for senior level course work in the broader humanistic discipline; 2) put more of the major course work in the hands of tenure-line faculty; and 3) largely separate majors from minors, two populations with different interests and needs. All proposed revisions respond to and are in keeping with key recommendations of the recent 10-year review committee report.

#### CATALOG COPY

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

## Major Requirements (current)

Thirteen courses (min.59 cr.) beyond SPAN 203 as follows:

- 1. SPAN 301, SPAN 302, SPAN 303, SPAN 321, SPAN 322, SPAN 323.
- 2. Three 300-level elective courses (maximum of two from film series).
- 3. Four 400-level courses (one from SPAN 400 through SPAN 409).
- 4. Other than SPAN 400 through SPAN 409, only one course whose instructional materials are primarily in English may apply toward the major.

## 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) sel supplement

Major Requirements (proposed)

Twelve-courses min. 58 cr beyond SPAN 203 as follows:

- 1. SPAN 301, SPAN 302, SPAN 303 (or equivalents, 314-315-316; 310; 330); SPAN 321. SPAN 322, SPAN 323.
- 2. One 300-level literature elective (chosen from SPAN 304-308; 319; 339; 340, 350-352).
- 3. Five 400-level courses (only one course numbered SPAN 400-406 may apply to the major)
- 4. Participation in an approved Study Abroad Program (one quarter minimum, any level) or one or more Experiential Learning experiences (min. 50 hrs \$PAN 392, 1=3=1.) which involve significant engagement with the Spanish-speaking community. We strongly encourage students to do both.
- 5. Other than SPAN 400-SPAN 405, only one course whose instructional materials are primarily in English may apply to the major.

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Minimum 58 credits, beyond SPAN 203, to include the following:

- 1. SPAN 301, SPAN 302, SPAN 303 (or equivalents, 314-316; 310; 330); SPAN 321, SPAN 322, SPAN 323
- 2. One 300-level literature elective (chosen from SPAN 304-308; 319; 340; 350-352).
- 3. Five 400-level courses (only one course numbered SPAN 400-406 may apply to the major).
- 4. Participation in an approved Study Abroad Program (one quarter minimum, any level) or one or more Experiential Learning experiences (minimum 3 credits of SPAN 392) which involve significant engagement with the Spanish-speaking community. We strongly encourage students to do both.
- 5. Other than SPAN 400 SPAN 405, only one course whose instructional materials are primarily in English may apply to the major.