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*Mark A. Emmert, President*

October 13, 2008

Dean Ana Mari Cauce  
College of Arts and Sciences  
Box 353765

Dear Ana Mari:

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

I am writing to inform you that the Department of Linguistics is authorized to specify these requirements beginning spring quarter 2009.

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. Julia Herschensohn (with enclosure)  
Mr. Robert Corbett (with enclosure)  
Dr. Deborah H. Wiegand (with enclosure)  
Mr. Todd Milton, J.D. (with enclosure ROLING-20080610)

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College: Arts & Sciences  
Department or Unit: Linguistics  
Date: 6/10/08

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 \_\_\_\_\_ within the Bachelor of \_\_\_\_\_
- Revised Program Requirements for the Major in Romance Linguist within the Bachelor of Arts
- 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: 20 09

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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 Linguistics faculty wishes to implement some minor changes in the undergraduate program in Romance Linguistics to accommodate the retirement of our primary Romance Linguistics faculty member, Jurgen Klausenburger, to clarify the requirements, and to reinforce the importance of doing research in a Romance language. These changes are slated to go into effect Spring 2009; current students may continue under the current requirements or opt to follow the new guidelines. ~~Since the retirement in 2007 of Professor Klausenburger, we have a reduced offering of courses in French Linguistics, Spanish Linguistics and Romance Linguistics. We have decided to eliminate courses with those designations (FRLING, SPLING, ROLING) as requirements for the major, and instead require students to use Romance language data in doing general linguistics courses. We will continue with the requirements of advanced work in a Romance language and a senior essay. We highly recommend Historical Romance (ROLING 402), which Prof. Klausenburger is periodically offering under the 40% emeritus plan, but we cannot rely on its continuing availability. We wish to define the degrees in terms of student research—applying linguistic theory to Romance languages—not simply coursework. To that end we are specifying that one research papers and the senior essay be written on a topic in Romance linguistics.~~

Reducing major requirements by 5 credits.

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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

- 1. LING 400 or another introductory course in linguistics
- 2. LING 450, LING 451, LING 461, and LING 462
- 3. ROLING 402
- 4. 15 credits at the 300 level or higher of one Romance language; ROLING 490; 20 additional credits of departmentally approved courses in linguistics.

**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)

Revised Major Requirements

- 1. LING 400 or another introductory course in linguistics
- 2. LING 450, LING 451, LING 461, and LING 462
- 3. Highly recommended: ROLING 402
- 4. 15 credits at the 300 level or higher of one Romance language; ROLING 490; 20 additional credits of departmentally approved courses in linguistics, with at least one course for which a research paper on a Romance language is written.

**SIGNATURES (required)**

Chair/Program Director

Date

*Aug 29, 2008*

Dean

Date

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College Committee

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Faculty Council on Academic Standards

Date

*OCT. 10, 2008*

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Date: Wed, 17 Sep 2008 16:01:01 -0700 (PDT)  
From: Julia Herschensohn <herschen@u.washington.edu>  
To: uwcr@u.washington.edu  
Cc: Karen Zagona <zagona@u.washington.edu>  
Subject: Re: Romance Linguistics Changes

Jennifer,

Will I need to rewrite the document? I think we can reduce the number of credits. In the catalogue, it doesn't specify a total number of credits, so it would be the same number minus rolling 402 (5 credits less). The revised requirements include more writing specifically on problems in Romance linguistics, so I think that balances out. I've copied my colleague Karen Zagona, who worked with me on the revisions.

As for the language about the Spring and Frling courses, please ignore/delete. We already downsized once, eliminating an earlier requirement of courses with those prefixes. I guess I forgot when filling out the form. Do I need to redo this?

Best, Julia

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