MEMORANDUM

TO: James Harris
   Dean, College of Arts and Humanities

FROM: Elizabeth Beise
   Associate Provost for Academic Planning and Programs

SUBJECT: Proposal to Modify the Curriculum of the Minor in Spanish Language and Cultures (PCC log no. 10044)

On March 4, 2011, the Senate PCC committee approved your proposal to modify the curriculum of the Minor in Spanish Language and Cultures. A copy of the approved agreement is attached.

The change is effective Fall 2011. The College should ensure that the change is fully described in the Undergraduate Catalog and in all relevant descriptive materials, and that all advisors are informed.

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Enclosure

cc: David Salness, Chair, Senate PCC Committee
Sarah Bauder, Office of Student Financial Aid
Reka Montfort, University Senate
Erin Howard, Office of Information Technology
Donna Williams, Institutional Research & Planning
Anne Turkos, Archives
Linda Yokoi, Office of the Registrar
James Dietz, Undergraduate Studies
Beth Loizeaux, Arts and Humanities
Carol Mossman, School of Languages, Literatures and Cultures
Summary of Proposed Action:

This revision reflects the changes approved to the Spanish major in 2009.

1. Require the same three core classes for the minor as in the major: Spanish 207, Spanish 301, and Spanish 303
2. Eliminate Spanish 310 Phonetics, and Spanish 422 Cross-Cultural Communication from the minor offerings.
3. Change the eligibility requirements by limiting enrollment as follows:
   • Completion of Spanish 301 with the grade of B or higher; for Heritage or native speakers of Spanish: completion of Spanish 206 with the grade of B or higher or completion of an upper level Spanish class with grade of B or higher.

No new resources needed.

APPROVAL SIGNATURES - Please print name, sign, and date. Use additional lines for multi-unit programs.

1. Department Committee Chair  
   
2. Department Chair  
   
3. College/School PCC Chair  
   
4. Dean  

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5. Dean of the Graduate School (if required)  

6. Chair, Senate PCC  David Salness  3/18/11

7. University Senate Chair (if required)  

8. Vice President for Academic Affairs & Provost  Elizabeth Fein  3/17/11
Proposed revisions to Spanish Minors in Spanish Language and Cultures (November 2010)

Rationale:

The Department of Spanish and Portuguese proposes revisions to the current minors in Spanish to reflect the changes approved for the Spanish major in 2009. The changes in the major were made with two primary goals in mind:

- Create a more streamlined program (decreasing the number of tracks and increasing the number of required courses common to each) that will offer more consistent outcomes across the student population, and
- Increase the focus on the knowledge and interpretation of culture in all courses and options.

The following specific changes are proposed: (See the attached documents for a summary of changes and the lists of new minor requirements.)

1. Require the same three core classes for the minor as in the major:
   - Spanish 207 Reading and Writing in Spanish
   - Spanish 301 Advanced Grammar and Composition I
   - Spanish 303 Approaches to Cultural Materials in the Hispanic World

2. Eliminate Spanish 310 Phonetics, and Spanish 422 Cross-Cultural Communication from the minor offerings. These were approved as courses for majors only.

3. Change the eligibility requirement to a B or better in SPAN301 or SPAN206 (for heritage speakers) before allowing students to sign up for the minor. Students with competency to begin at higher levels will be eligible after completion of one upper level Spanish class with the minimum grade of B. This requirement will help control the number of Spanish minors which was capped at 300 in concurrence with the School of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures and the College of Arts and Humanities, and was approved by campus Academic Affairs as part of a comprehensive proposal to cap all minors in ARHU.

Language for catalog
Students may apply for the minor in Spanish after completion of SPAN301 or SPAN 206 with a grade B or better. Students with competency to begin at higher levels will be eligible after completion of one upper level Spanish class with the minimum grade of B.

4. Courses for the minor can be seen on the attached sheet
MINOR IN SPANISH LANGUAGE AND CULTURES (November 2010)

Information
This 15 credit minor will provide students with a solid background in language, culture, and concepts important for business in the Spanish-speaking world.

Core Courses Required for the Minor
Spanish 207 Reading and Writing in Spanish
Spanish 301 Advanced Grammar and Composition I
Spanish 303 Approaches to Cultural Materials in the Hispanic World

Other Required Courses
Following completion of the core sequence, students choose two courses from the following:

Spanish 206 Review of Oral and Written Spanish for Native Speakers Educated in the United States
Spanish 302 Advanced Grammar and Composition II
Spanish 306 Spanish II for Native Speakers
Spanish 307 Oral Communication Skills for Native Speakers of Spanish
Spanish 315 Commercial Spanish I
Spanish 316 Practicum in Translation I
Spanish 317 Practicum in Translation II
Spanish 318 Translation of Technical Texts
Spanish 331 Spanish Culture, Civilization and Literature I: Medieval Times
Spanish 332 Spanish Culture, Civilization and Literature II: Renaissance and Baroque
Spanish 333 Spanish Culture, Civilization and Literature III: Modern Times
Spanish 356 Literary Translation I
Spanish 357 Literary Translation II
Spanish 361 Latin American Literatures and Cultures I: From Pre-Colombian to Colonial Times
Spanish 362 Latin American Literatures and Cultures II: From Independence to Nation Formation
Spanish 363 Latin American Literatures and Cultures III: From Modernism to Neo-Liberalism
Spanish 415 Commercial Spanish II
Spanish 417 Interpretation
Spanish 425 Introduction to Hispanic Linguistics I: Basic Concepts
Spanish 426 Introduction to Hispanic Linguistics II: Language In Use
Spanish 448 Special Topics in Latin American Civilization
Spanish 449 Special Topics in Spanish Civilization
All Spanish literature courses on the 400 level

Native and Heritage Speakers
Native speakers and all others with the ability to begin coursework at a high level should speak with the Undergraduate Advisor. Heritage learners, students from homes where Spanish is spoken or who have had in depth exposure to Spanish, are encouraged to take a series of courses designed to enhance their skills.
Transfer Credits
A maximum of 6 credits may be applied to the minor from courses taken at other institutions. However, a maximum of 9 credits may be applied from a University of Maryland study abroad program.

Eligibility and Pre-Requisites
The minor is open to all students except Spanish majors.

Students may apply for the minor in Spanish after completion of SPAN301 or SPAN 206 (for heritage speakers) with a grade B or better. Students with competency to begin at higher levels will be eligible after completion of one upper level Spanish class with the minimum grade of B.

Application Process
Students who meet the eligibility requirements should visit the ARHU website at http://www.arhu.umd.edu/undergraduate/academics/minors to declare their intent of becoming a Spanish minor. Currently, the College of Arts and Humanities has capped its minors, and both of the Spanish minors are closed. Admission into the minor will begin March 1 for the fall semester and October 1 for the spring semester.

Students may also meet with the Minor Advisor, Karen Krausen, during any of her walk-in advising hours. The advising hours are always posted on her office door, 2211 Jimenez Hall, and are available on the Department of Spanish and Portuguese website, http://www.languages.umd.edu/SpanishPortuguese/

Advising Hours
Advising hours are generally those below, but may vary from semester to semester, so checking the web site is recommended.
MON 9:30 - 10:00, 11:00-12:00, 1:00-3:00
TUES 10:30 - 12:00, 1:00 - 3:00
WED 9:30 - 10:00, 11:00-12:00, 1:00-3:00
FRI 9:30 - 10:00, 11:00-12:00, 1:00-2:00

Questions
Information about the minor and the advisor’s walk-in office hours can be found on the web site of the Department of Spanish and Portuguese at http://www.languages.umd.edu/SpanishPortuguese/undergraduate/index.html
Additional questions may be addressed to kkrausen@umd.edu.
**Effect of Proposed Changes on Students Currently in Minor**

Students currently in the minor can choose to follow the current curriculum or change to the new curriculum.
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