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To: CLASS Undergraduate Studies Committee
From: Marta Fairclough, Director of Spanish Undergraduate Studies, MCL
RE: **Changes to the Spanish Undergraduate Program** (proposed by the Spanish Undergraduate Committee and approved by Spanish faculty: 13 votes in favor – none opposed, 5 did not vote)
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From the current Undergraduate Catalogue, p. 225:

Bachelor of Arts in Spanish

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In addition to completing the degree requirements for the Bachelor of Arts, students majoring in Spanish must complete 27 semester hours in Spanish at the advanced level (3000-4000) including the following:

1. SPAN 3301 or 3307.
2. SPAN 3302 or 3308.
3. SPAN 3384.
4. Three hours of Spanish linguistics (SPAN 3303, 4355, 4365, or 4396).
5. Three hours of Hispanic civilization and culture (SPAN 3373 or 3374).
6. Six hours from SPAN 4311, 4312, 4321, or 4322.
7. Six hours of advanced electives in Spanish.
8. At least 2302-level proficiency in a second foreign language is required.

Proposed changes:

Bachelor of Arts in Spanish

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1. SPAN 3301 (or SPAN 3307 for students on the heritage track)
2. SPAN 3302 (or SPAN 3308 for students on the heritage track)
3. SPAN 3305 Spanish Grammar Review (Pending receipt of CBMO3 form)
4. SPAN 3384 Intro to Hispanic Lit
5. Fifteen hours from one or more of the following areas:

Literature
Linguistics
Culture
Applied Spanish (business, education, translation, etc.)

6. At least 2302-level proficiency in a second foreign language is required.

Justification:

A) An intensive grammar review class is needed for students planning to minor or major in Spanish to master Spanish grammar at an advanced level.

B) Many faculty members are very interested in offering topic courses and students are very interested in taking them (e.g. translation, film, etc.). However, the number of topic courses we can offer per semester is very limited due to the number of core courses that have to be offered to fulfill degree requirements. Currently, in order to major in Spanish students must complete 27 advanced hours of which 21 are required, leaving only 6 hours of electives (see addendum 1).

The Spanish Undergraduate Committee has the following proposal for Spanish majors:

Limit the number of core courses to 12 hours:

SPAN 3301 (or SPAN 3307 for students on the heritage track)
SPAN 3302 (or SPAN 3308 for students on the heritage track)
SPAN 3305 Spanish Grammar Review
SPAN 3384 Intro to Hispanic Lit

After the 4 core classes (12 hours), students will be able to take 5 advanced level courses (15 hours) from one or more of the following areas:

Literature
Linguistics
Culture
Applied Spanish (business, education, etc.)

Faculty from each area will draft the corresponding list of recommended courses.

Increasing the number of electives will:

- a) allow the program to offer more topic courses
- b) let the student learn Spanish based on his/her area/s of interest
- c) reduce advising and scheduling problems

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