

THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT ASHEVILLE

FACULTY SENATE

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Statement of Faculty Senate Action:

**APC Document 94:** **Add new course, SPAN 130, Spanish for Advanced Beginners**

**Effective Date: Fall 2012**

**1.Add:** On page 268, new course, **SPAN 130, Spanish for Advanced Beginners:**

**130 Spanish for Advanced Beginners (3)**

Designed for students who have had some experience studying or speaking Spanish but who need review and more extensive practice before continuing their studies at the intermediate level. Students enrolling in this course should know fundamental grammar points and be familiar with core vocabulary. Students must place into the course by taking the departmental placement test and must also take a written placement test prior to enrolling. This course fulfills the ILS foreign language requirement. Students who have credit for SPAN 120 may not receive credit for this course. Fall and Spring.

**Impact Statement:**

This addition should not affect the Spanish major or minor or other departments' majors or minors. It will allow students who take this course to have an additional 3 hours to take elsewhere since they won't be required to take an additional 3-hour course to fulfill their foreign language requirement. In terms of resources, this addition has the potential of allowing the department to offer fewer sections of SPAN 110 and 120.

**Rationale:**

Many students who have studied Spanish for two or more years currently take SPAN 110. The option of taking a course that moves very fast through review of 110-level work will help to reserve SPAN 110 for true beginners.

Generally, a high beginner has some conceptual knowledge about fundamental grammar points such as verb conjugations in the present tense or noun-adjective agreement and is familiar with core vocabulary. As a rule, high beginners can recognize quite a bit, but produce very little with precision. The addition of the new course will allow students to hone these skills to a level of competence required to complete the foreign language requirement.

The Advanced Beginner Spanish course has been taught as SPAN 173 each term since Fall 2010 and has enrolled 242 students. We request that it be added as a permanent course.