

THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT ASHEVILLE
FACULTY SENATE

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Statement of Faculty Senate Action:

APC Document 78 (SPAN): **Change the Major and Minor Requirements for Spanish**

Effective Date: Fall 2016

1. Delete: On page 279, under **Major in Spanish:**

- I. Required courses in the major—27 hours including SPAN 300, 310, 330, 332, 440, 498; one course from 481 or 482; 3 additional hours at 300-400 level; 3 additional hours at the 400 level.
- II. Required courses outside the major—None.
- III. Other departmental requirements—Successful completion of SPAN 300 fulfills the oral competency requirement. Students will demonstrate major and computer competency in SPAN 498 through research plus oral and written presentations in Spanish on aspects of Hispanic cultures. A grade of C or better is required in SPAN 498 to graduate.

Add: On page 279, in place of deleted entry:

- I. Required courses in the major 36 hours: SPAN 230, 300, 310, one course from 330 or 332, 440, 483, and 12 additional hours at the 300-400 level. Students whose level of proficiency does not allow them to start with SPAN 230 will be required to complete the appropriate prerequisite courses. Students who place out of one or more of the required courses will still be required to complete 36 hours of Spanish for the major. At least one-half of the hours required for the major must be completed at UNC Asheville.
- II. Required courses outside the major—None.
- III. Special departmental requirements—Competency in Spanish will be demonstrated by a capstone project consisting of research plus oral and written presentations on Spanish language, literature or civilization, to be carried out in a 400-level course. Oral competency will be demonstrated by successful completion of SPAN 300.

2. Delete: On page 279, under **Minor in Spanish:**

18 hours including SPAN 300, 310, 440; one course from 330 or 332; 3 hours at 300-400 level, and 3 hours at 400 level.

University-wide minimum requirements for a minor: 1) one-half of the hours required for a minor must be completed in residence at UNC Asheville, to include at least 6 hours at the 300-400 level; 2) students must have a cumulative grade-point-average of at least 2.0 on minor courses taken at UNC Asheville.

Add: On page 279, in place of deleted entry:

20 hours including SPAN 230, 300, 310, one course from 330 or 332; 4 hours at the 300-400 level. Students whose level of proficiency does not allow them to start with SPAN 230 will be required to complete the appropriate prerequisite courses. Students who place out of one or more of the required courses will still be required to complete 20 hours of Spanish for the minor.

University-wide minimum requirements for a minor: 1) one-half of the hours required for a minor must be completed in residence at UNC Asheville, to include at least 6 hours at the 300-400 level; 2) students must have a cumulative grade-point-average of at least 2.0 on minor courses taken at UNC Asheville.

Impact: While we are raising the credit hours for our major courses, we are reducing the overall courses required for the major. We are also trying to make the major less prescriptive for the student, and at the same time providing greater flexibility in staffing for faculty. Including SPAN 230 in the listing is a clearer representation of what is required for the major and minor.

Rationale: The Spanish section of MLL is working to align itself more with the established curricula of German and French, particularly as we work more on interdisciplinary projects, and staffing beyond the department curriculum. Currently the mixed model that we have makes for challenging, and certainly frustrating attempts at staffing. Four-credit hour models are the trend at many liberal arts, including COPLAC institutions, and this change reflects that trend. We are also working on being less prescriptive in our curriculum, to allow both student and faculty to engage in more cross-disciplinary and community perspectives, in keeping with trends in the profession. Including SPAN 230 as part of the Major/Minor avoids having “hidden” requirements in the program.