Proposal for Revision of the Program of Concentration in Spanish and Portuguese

Rationale for the proposed change:

Portuguese now has two new intermediate level courses, Portuguese 201 and 203, which have been incorporated as a requirement into the Portuguese minor (for students to choose between them). We would like to incorporate a similar choice between these two courses into the Spanish and Portuguese Major and eliminate a three-hour elective to compensate. Furthermore, we have found that students who begin the study of Portuguese have often already taken advanced literature or culture courses in Spanish which do not fit into the original limited focus of the Spanish and Portuguese major. Because this seems to be a deterrent to undertaking this major, we propose broadening the focus beyond Latin America to include coursework dealing with the literature and culture of the Iberian Peninsula as well.

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This major focuses on the two dominant languages (Spanish and Portuguese) of Latin America and their literatures and cultures (those of Spanish America and Brazil). The basic requirement for this major is a minimum of 33 credits in Spanish and Portuguese numbered 200 or above. The distribution is as follows:

1. Core requirements of Spanish 201, 202, and 203; Portuguese 200 and 205.
2. At least two of the following Spanish courses: 223, 235, 236, 243, 244, 272, 276, and 278.
3. At least two of the following Portuguese courses: 225, 232, 233, 341, 342, and 385.
4. Two electives to be chosen from Spanish 223, 235, 236, 244, 272, 276, 278, Spanish/Portuguese 293 and from Portuguese 225, 232, 233, 341, 342, 385. A student may also choose a Spanish or Portuguese 294, if the topic relates to Latin American literature and/or culture.

Under exceptional circumstances, a student may request permission from both the director of undergraduate studies and from the chair to replace a requirement in area 2 or 4 with another advanced-level Spanish course or to replace a requirement in area 3 or 4 with another advanced level Portuguese course.

Revised version:

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This major focuses on the two dominant languages (Spanish and Portuguese) of the Iberian Peninsula and Latin America and their literatures and cultures. The basic requirement for this major is a minimum of 33 credit hours in Spanish and Portuguese numbered 200 or above. The distribution is as follows:

1. Core requirements of Spanish 201W, 202, and 203; Portuguese 200, 201 (or 203), and 205.
2. At least two Spanish courses numbered between 221 and 281, or 294, or 296.
3. At least two of the following Portuguese courses: 225, 232, 233, 341, 342, and 385.
4. One additional elective to be chosen from the courses listed under area 2 and 3 above or Spanish/Portuguese 293.

A student who studies abroad may be able to substitute similar culture or literature courses with the permission of the Director of Undergraduate Studies.