Proposed revision of the Spanish Major

Rationale:
With the current dizzying array of study abroad options available to our majors, the Spanish Department would like to streamline its major to make it more flexible so that students who study abroad and receive “No Equivalent” hours may more easily complete the requirements for the major. These courses are usually worth 2, 4, or 6 hours rather than the standard 3. Such students often find it difficult to fit their foreign coursework into the restrictive framework of the current major. Therefore we propose a single program of study which allows for a wider variety of elective possibilities.

Other minor adjustments: Span 201 is now Span 201W. Span 213, last offered in S07 and to be offered again in S09, will now have a linguistics focus. Span 212 was retired a few years ago and the number will be proposed for a new linguistics course. In anticipation it has been included in the linguistics category.

Implementation:
• Students currently following Program I can be switched automatically to the new generic major with no problem as soon as it goes into effect. It merely recasts the current language and culture requirements into electives and opens up their possibilities for including electives of variable credit hours. (Students who study abroad almost inevitably come back with quite a bit of language and culture credit, but in odd formulations.)
• Students currently following Program II will be allowed to follow this track through their graduation or switch to the new version of the major. As of the faculty confirmation of the new major, no new majors will be admitted to Program II. All remaining students on this program should graduate by May 2010.

Current version:
Program of Concentration in Spanish
Spanish majors choose between two programs of concentration: Program I and Program II. The basic requirement for both programs is a minimum of 30 credit hours in Spanish courses above 200. The distribution requirements are as follows:

Program I. Concentration in Spanish Language, Literature, and Culture.
1. Core requirements: 201, 202, and 203.
2. Literature: Nine hours from courses numbered 230–281 or 294.
3. Culture: Three hours from courses numbered 204, 221–226, or 296. Students may substitute a literature course numbered 230–281 or 294.
4. Language: Three hours from courses numbered 206–213. Students may substitute another literature course numbered 230–281 or 294, or another culture course numbered 221–226 or 296.
6. Elective: Three hours from courses numbered above 200 (except 293). Students may substitute a course in either Portuguese (102 or higher) or Catalan (102 or higher).

Program II. Concentration in Spanish Language, Linguistics, and Culture.
1. Core requirements: 201, 202, and 203.
4. Culture: Three hours from courses numbered 204, 221–226, or 296.
   Students may substitute another linguistics course numbered 214–220, 283, 285, 291, or 295, or another language course numbered 206–213.
5. Literature: Six hours from courses numbered 230–281 or 294.
6. Elective: Three hours from courses numbered above 200 (except 293).
   Students may substitute a course in either Portuguese (102 or higher) or Catalan (102 or 200).

A more advanced composition course may be substituted for 201. A more advanced conversation course may be substituted for 202. Spanish 203 is prerequisite for all literature courses offered by the department. Students must take Spanish 201, 202, and 203 in order to participate in Vanderbilt in Spain. Seniors are eligible to take one or two graduate-level courses (300 and above) with the approval of the instructor and the chair of the department.

**Revised version:**

*Program of Concentration in Spanish*

The major consists of 30 credit hours in Spanish courses numbered above 200. The distribution requirements are as follows:

1. Core requirements: 201W, 202, and 203.
2. Literature: Nine hours from courses numbered 230–281 or 294.
4. Electives: Nine hours from courses numbered above 200 (except 293). Students may substitute a course in either Portuguese (102 or higher) or Catalan (102 or higher).

A more advanced composition course may be substituted for 201W. A more advanced conversation course may be substituted for 202. Spanish 203 is prerequisite for all literature courses offered by the department. Students must take Spanish 201W, 202, and 203 in order to participate in Vanderbilt in Spain. Seniors are eligible to take one or two graduate-level courses (300 and above) with the approval of the instructor and the chair of the department.