## UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL Request for Change(s)

Originating unit requesting change
Spanish \& Hispanic Studies
Type of Change requested:

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| Course prerequisite(s) |  |  |
| $\square$ | Course title | $\square$ |
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| $\square$ | Course description | $\square$ | Drop program(s)

Semester and year change(s) take effect:
Fall 2021
Appropriate computer abbreviation if course title is more than 30 spaces:

Briefly summarize the change requested:
The BA in Spanish will still require 33 credit hours, but now Intermediate-level Spanish will count towards the major; a new introduction to literature course (SPAN 30803) will replace the current Panorama of literature series; two new advanced Spanish courses (SPAN 30503 and 30603) will replace the 3-course series of Oral Communication, Writing, and Advanced Grammar; greater flexibility for students to take upper-level electives.

## Catalog copy

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Spanish and Hispanic Studies, BA
The BA with a major in Spanish and Hispanic Studies consists of 33 credit
hours:

| Required courses: | Oral Communication in Spanish |
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| $\underline{\text { SPAN } 31103}$ | Writing in Spanish |
| $\underline{\text { SPAN } 31203}$ | Advanced Spanish Grammar |
| $\underline{\text { SPAN } 31403}$ |  |

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**Native speakers will not receive credit for Spanish 31103 Oral
Communication, 31203 Writing and 31403 Advanced Grammar; they must select another course at the 30000 level or above. A native speaker is
considered to be someone who completed his or her primary and secondary education in a Spanish-speaking country. Special permission by the department chair is required for any deviation from this policy.

One of the following:

Proposed change(s). (Include exact catalog copy as desired. Underline changes)

Spanish and Hispanic Studies, BA

The BA with a major in Spanish and Hispanic Studies consists of 33 credit hours:

Required courses:

- SPAN 20103 Intermediate Spanish 1 (or SPAN 20113 Intensive Intermediate Spanish 1)
- SPAN 20203 Intermediate Spanish 2 (or SPAN 20213 Intensive Intermediate Spanish 2)
* No credit given to native speakers for 20000-level Spanish; heritage speakers may only receive credit with permission of the department chair. A native speaker is considered to be someone who completed his or her primary and secondary education in a Spanish-speaking country. A heritage speaker is someone who was primarily educated in U.S. schools but who speaks Spanish in the home and with friends and co-workers. Native speakers and heritage speakers not eligible to take these courses must take additional upper-level Spanish electives instead unless these credits are awarded as transfer credit or Advanced Placement Credit.

Two of the following:

- SPAN 30503 Advanced Spanish: From Personal to Public
- SPAN 30603 Advanced Spanish: From Local to Global
- SPAN 31703 Spanish for Heritage Speakers

[^0]| SPAN 32003 | Culture of Spain | heritage speakers not eligible to take these courses must take additional upper-level Spanish electives instead. | 3 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| SPAN 32103 | Culture of Latin America | Heritage speakers are encouraged to take SPAN 31703. A heritage speaker is someone who was primarily educated in U.S. schools but who speaks | 3 |
| SPAN 32203 | Popular Cultures of Spanish-speaking Countries | Spanish in the home and with friends and co-workers. Non-heritage speakers should not take SPAN 31703. | 3 |
| SPAN 33103 | Culture of Brazil | - SPAN 30803 Introduction To Literature | 3 |


| Two of the following: |
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| SPAN 32503  <br> SPAN 32603 Panorama of Spanish Literature 1 (Pre-1800) <br> SPAN 32703 Panorama of Spanish Literature 2 (Post-1800) <br> SPAN 32803 Panorama of Latin American Literature 1 (Pre-182 |

Four upper-level Spanish electives, two of which must be 40000-level literature courses or Cultural Studies courses

| SPAN 43203 | Senior Seminar |
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One SPAN-designated course taught in English and taken on the TCU campus may be applied toward the major requirements.
*****SPAN 43103 Senior Honors Thesis may be used as an elective, but honors students must still take two 40000-level literature courses.

| One of the following: |  |
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| SPAN 32003 | Culture of Spain |
| SPAN 32103 | Culture of Latin America |
| SPAN 32203 | Popular Cultures of Spanish-speaking Coun |
| SPAN 33103 | Culture of Brazil |

- Four upper-level Spanish electives, one of which must be a 40000 -level literature course or Cultural Studies course
***PORT 20503 Portuguese for Spanish Speakers may be taken to fulfill one
of the electives.
SPAN 43203
****One SPAN-designated course taught in English and taken on the TCU
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$* * * *$ SPAN 43103 Senior Honors Thesis may be used as an elective, but
honors students must still take one 40000 -level literature course.


## Request for Changes

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1. What is the justification for the change(s) requested?
a) We want to make the BA in Spanish a more viable option for students in general and specifically for students already seeking a minor in Spanish. Many TCU students begin with a minor in Spanish and want to add Spanish as a second major at some point but are deterred because Intermediate Spanish counts towards the minor but not towards the major in Spanish, and because there is an excessive amount of prerequisites to get into our 40000-level courses which makes it difficult to complete the BA in Spanish for students who have not begun to plan for it in their freshman year;
b)We want the BA in Spanish to be more appealing to students and for the requirements to be more in step with those at our peer institutions;
c) The proposed changes in requirements will allow students greater scheduling flexibility and more options to tailor their course selection to their individual interests;
d) We will now allow one semester of Portuguese for Spanish speakers to count as an elective. The Portuguese language and Luso-Brazilian studies are relevant to all areas of Spanish studies, and the study of Spanish has already prepared students for an intensive introduction to Portuguese;
e) The proposed changes are necessary in order to include new courses that were approved in Fall 2020 in our curriculum.
2. If applicable, explain how the change(s) will affect the current program outcomes and assessment mechanisms.
The inclusion of our new courses and the revised program requirements will strengthen the current program outcomes and assessment mechanisms without fundamentally changing them.
3. Faculty Resources: How will the unit provide faculty support for this change and any other impact this change may have on other current departmental listings.
Our current faculty are prepared to teach our new courses. We do not anticipate a need for additional faculty support for these changes. Some currently required courses will now only be offered as occasional electives or not at all. SPAN 30803 will replace SPAN 32503, 32603, 32703, and 32803; SPAN 30503 and SPAN 30603 will replace SPAN 31103, 31203, and 31403; PORT 20503 will now be offered as an elective for Spanish majors.
4. Educational Resources: Will this change require additional resources not currently available (e.g. space, equipment, library, other)?

5. If this change affects other units of the University, include a statement signed by the chairperson(s) of the affected unit(s).
N/A
6. If cross-listed, provide evidence of approval by all curriculum committees appropriate to both the originating and cross-listed units.
N/A


Steven P. Sloan
Approval signature of chairperson of originating unit

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Originating unit requesting change
Spanish \& Hispanic Studies
Type of Change requested:


Semester and year change(s) take effect:
Fall 2021
Appropriate computer abbreviation if course title is more than 30 spaces:

Briefly summarize the change requested:
The BA in Latin American Studies (LAST) will still require 33 credit hours, but now Intermediate-level Spanish will count towards the major, several new courses introduced including more advanced Portuguese courses; Latin American Senior Seminar requirement removed; required electives outside of Spanish \& Hispanic Studies must now be upper-level.

## Catalog copy

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Latin American Studies, BA
Latin American Studies critically examines the societies of Latin America,
including Brazil, through a wide range of literary and non-literary texts. The
program exposes students to diversity of thought and beliefs within divergent cultural paradigms.

Requirements
Required Courses
Latin American Studies is available as a major in the BA degree. It consists of
33 credit hours.

| PORT 10103 | Portuguese for Beginners |
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| AND |  |
| PORT 10203 | Portuguese for Beginners 2 |
|  | Two of the following: |
| SPAN 31103 | Oral Communication in Spanish |
| SPAN 31203 | Writing in Spanish |
|  | Advanced Spanish Grammar |

Proposed change(s). (Include exact catalog copy as desired. Underline changes)

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- SPAN 20203 Intermediate Spanish 2 (or SPAN 20213 Intensive Intermediate Spanish 2)

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***Students interested in pursuing Portuguese beyond 10203 should talk to the LAST director about possible incentives, such as study abroad scholarships.

Study Abroad

Study Abroad is strongly recommended for all LAST majors. Besides the enormous improvement in speaking ability, the international experience will enhance career opportunities and cross-cultural competence. For the LAST major, 15 credit hours may be earned in a semester-long Study Abroad program. If the student earns 6 of those credits while on a TCU sponsored summer program, then the student may still apply 9 credit hours to the major from a semester-long program. For students in a year-long program, 21 credit hours of the LAST major may be earned in study abroad. If the student earns 6 of those credits while on a TCU sponsored summer program, then the student may still apply 15 credits to the major from a semester-long program. Study Abroad courses SPAN 30013 and SPAN 30023 may be taken as electives to fulfill the LAST major requirements if taken in Latin America.

In order to receive credit, the student must meet with the Spanish \& Hispanic Studies study abroad advisor as well as the Center for International Studies prior to departure to obtain approval for coursework abroad to transfer to TCU.
Students are encouraged to consider studying abroad in Brazil. By completing PORT 10103 and PORT 10203 at TCU, students will be prepared to participate in a pre-approved study abroad program such as SIT or CIEE in Brazil. Students may therefore fulfill the language requirement for a B.A. in AddRan College by Studying Portuguese. Additionally, students may apply study abroad credits in Portuguese to their LAST major.

Co-curricular Engagement and Internships
Students are encouraged to contact the Department of Spanish and Hispanic Studies for information about off-campus cultural resources. Students interested in doing an internship should read the department's internship policy at http://span.tcu.edu/internship.asp.

One upper-level elective (3 credit hours) in SHS.

Three upper-level electives (9 credit hours) from another department/other departments. See list below.

A student may not double major in both LAST and Spanish and Hispanic Studies but may major in LAST and minor in Spanish and Hispanic Studies. No course may be applied to both the major and minor.
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a) We want to make the BA in Latin American Studies (LAST) a more viable option for students in general and specifically for students already seeking a minor in Spanish. Many TCU students begin with a minor in Spanish and become interested in the LAST major but are deterred because Intermediate Spanish counts towards the minor but not towards the major in Spanish, and because there is an excessive amount of prerequisites to get into our upper-level courses which makes it difficult to complete the BA in LAST for students who have not begun to plan for it in their freshman year;
b)We want the BA in LAST to be more appealing to students and for the requirements to be more in step with those at our peer institutions;
c) The proposed changes in requirements will allow students greater scheduling flexibility and more options to tailor their course selection to their individual interests;
d) The Portuguese language and Luso-Brazilian studies are highly relevant to Latin American studies, and the study of Spanish has already prepared students for an intensive introduction to Portuguese. PORT 20503 Portuguese for Spanish Speakers will replace PORT 10103 and 10203; PORT 30503 Advanced Brazilian Portuguese will be the second required Portuguese course. All TCU students who enrolled in PORT 10103 and PORT 10203 over the past several years had already studied Spanish and / or other languages. We are confident that students can attain Intermediate-level Portuguese, on par with our SPAN 20203 Intermediate 2, by successfully completing one intensive course, PORT 20503. This will better serve our students and also allow for a more advanced second Portuguese course, PORT 30503;
e) The proposed changes are necessary in order to include new courses that were approved in Fall 2020 in our curriculum.
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4. Educational Resources: Will this change require additional resources not currently available (e.g. space, equipment, library, other)?

YES If yes, list additional resources needed.

NO
5. If this change affects other units of the University, include a statement signed by the chairperson(s) of the affected unit(s).
N/A
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Steven P. Sloan
Approval signature of chairperson of originating unit

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| $\square$ | Course prerequisite(s) |
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| $\square \square$ | Drop course(s) |
| $\square$ | Drop program(s) |

Program title
Program description
Program requirements

Appropriate computer abbreviation if course title is more than 30 spaces:

Briefly summarize the change requested:
Minor changes in program requirements to reflect the inclusion of new courses (SPAN 30503, SPAN 30603, and PORT 20503) that will replace existing courses (SPAN 31103, SPAN 31203, SPAN 31403, PORT 10203); one semester of PORT 20503 Portuguese for Spanish speakers now offered as an elective in all three minors.

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Spanish and Hispanic Studies Minor Programs

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Spanish and Hispanic Studies Minor

The Spanish minor consists of 21 credits at the 20103 level or above.

Any course taught in Spanish at the 30000 or 40000 level may be taken as an elective.

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Native speakers will not receive credit for SPAN 30503, 30603, and 31703 unless special permission is granted by department chair. Heritage speakers are encouraged to take SPAN 31703. Non-heritage speakers should not take SPAN 31703.

Spanish and Hispanic Studies Minor

The Spanish minor consists of 21 credits at the 20103 level or above.

Any course taught in Spanish at the 30000 or 40000 level may be taken as an elective.

No course taught in English may be taken to fulfill the minor requirements

Spanish for the Health Professions Minor

The minor in Spanish for the Health Professions is designed to provide students (especially those in nursing) the ability to communicate in Spanish in the area of health care. The minor engages the student with the necessary mechanics of the language and propels him or her into two courses designed especially for students in the health professions. Opportunities are offered for electives to boost oral communication and knowledge of Spanish-speaking communities in the United States and beyond. Options also are available for off-campus service learning and study abroad

The minor in Spanish for the Health Professions consists of 21 credits at the 20103 level and above. Two courses are required:

| SPAN 31503 | Spanish for Health Professions I |
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| SPAN 42503 | Spanish for the Health Professions 2 |

Any course taught in Spanish at the 30000 or 40000 level may be taken as an elective.

No course taught in English may be taken to fulfill the minor requirement

Spanish for Business Professions Minor

The minor in Spanish for Business Professions (SBP) is designed to provide students the ability to communicate in Spanish in the area of business. The minor engages the student with the necessary mechanics of the language and propels him or her into two courses designed especially for students in the business professions. Options are available for off-campus service learning and study abroad. Students looking to pursue business careers with ties to Latin America also are encouraged to study Portuguese and may substitute 3 credits of Spanish electives with 3 credits of second-semester Portuguese.

The SBP minor consists of 21 credits at the 20103 level and above. The following courses are required:

| SPAN 31603 | Spanish for Business Professions I |
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| SPAN 42603 | Spanish for Business Professions 2 |

Three electives at the 30000 level or above in Spanish, or PORT 10203 and two electives at the 30000 level or above in Spanish.
PORT 10103 does not apply to this minor.

No course taught in English may be taken to fulfill the minor requirements.

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No course taught in English may be taken to fulfill the minor requirements
PORT 20503 Portuguese for Spanish Speakers may be taken to fulfill one of the electives.

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1. What is the justification for the change(s) requested? We need to update our program descriptions because we have newly approved courses that will replace other courses. Additionally, one of our new courses, PORT 20503 Portuguese for Spanish

Speakers, will now be an option for students pursuing any one of our three minors in Spanish. The Portuguese language and Luso-Brazilian studies are relevant to all areas of Spanish studies, and the study of Spanish has already prepared students for an intensive introduction to Portuguese.
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4. Educational Resources: Will this change require additional resources not currently available (e.g. space, equipment, library, other)? YES If yes, list additional resources needed.

NO
5. If this change affects other units of the University, include a statement signed by the chairperson(s) of the affected unit(s).
N/A
6. If cross-listed, provide evidence of approval by all curriculum committees appropriate to both the originating and cross-listed units.
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Approval signature of chairperson of originating unit


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