Proposed Suspension in BS: Spanish

This is a recommendation that the University Senate approve the suspension of admission into an existing BS: Spanish, in the Department of Hispanic Studies within the College of Arts & Sciences.

The revised proposal is attached.

Best-

Margaret

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Hi, Andrew. Below is the snippet from the minutes where suspension of the BS Spanish was discussed in October 2013 at SC.

b. Senate’s Academic Programs Committee (SAPC) – Andrew Hippisley, Chair

Hippisley explained the proposal and said that the motion from the SAPC was that the Senate approve the suspension of admission into the BS Spanish, in the Department of Hispanic Studies, in the College of Arts and Sciences. Guest Alan Brown, chair of the Department of Hispanic Studies, answered questions from SC members. There were substantial concerns expressed by some SC members; if the BS Spanish is suspended, students majoring in the sciences (engineering, biology, statistics, nursing, etc.) who wanted a double major or dual degree in Spanish would have to choose the BA Spanish. For students majoring in the sciences, the BA Spanish requires an additional six to twelve credit hours for humanities courses that the BS Spanish does not require.

SC members requested clarification on the following aspects: requirements for dual degrees, as well as for double majors; the number of science majors who go on to earn the BS Spanish; and if a requirement can be added to the BS Spanish such that it must be combined with a second major, due to the BS Spanish requirement of 60 hours of science courses. Brion suggested Brown contact the directors of graduate studies in various science areas who might want their students to have a more global perspective, to complement the science degree.

The Chair asked Butler, Senate parliamentarian, for guidance on how to proceed. Guest Butler said the SC could vote down the motion from the SAPC, vote to return the proposal to the SAPC, or table the proposal. Butler thought a motion to return the proposal to the SAPC best reflected the tone of the SC’s discussion. After additional discussion, Debski moved to send the proposal to suspend admissions to the BS Spanish back to the SAPC.

Butler added that if the proposal was returned to the SAPC, the SAPC could decide to take no action on the proposal to suspend the BS Spanish and it would not return to the SC; it would remain as is. Wood seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, a vote was taken and the motion passed with none opposed.

Sheila

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Date: March 31, 2015

RE: Response to questions regarding the request to suspend the BS in Spanish degree

Background

1. One of the recommendations that came out of the most recent external review of Hispanic Studies was the need to strengthen the Spanish major by redistributing course requirements within the major – specifically reducing the number of “outside the major” hours and increasing the number of required SPA courses.

2. In 2012/13, Hispanic Studies proposed a new BA in Spanish. The university approved this change in April 2013.

3. The new BA program does not require students to take any additional hours in the major – it just redistributes hours within the major and requires students to take a more rigorous complement of courses.

4. A revised BS in Spanish was not proposed. Instead the department has requested the suspension of the BS in Spanish. Completion of the current BS in Spanish as a primary major requires 129 – 137 credits of coursework (depends on where a student places in Spanish language courses). This far exceeds the 120 credit hours recommended for A&S degree programs.

5. Since the implementation of the new BA in Spanish requirements (Fall 2013), not a single student has declared the BS in Spanish as a primary major.
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**Requirements for a second MAJOR versus a second DEGREE**

6. Students completing a second MAJOR must complete only the major requirements for that program. Students completing a second DEGREE must complete a minimum of 144 credit hours of coursework and complete the major AND College requirements.

7. Completion of the BS or BA in Spanish as a second MAJOR requires completion of 53 credits of coursework (premajor and major). There is no difference in the total hours required for the BS in Spanish secondary major and the new BA in Spanish secondary major. The only difference is the distribution of courses within the major. As a result of the redistribution, the BA is a more robust major than the current BS.

8. Students completing a second DEGREE in Spanish must complete the major requirements and the College of Arts and Sciences requirements.

**For the BS in Spanish** the College of Arts and Science requirements include:

- One additional science or math course beyond that required by the UKCore. This is satisfied by the primary major if the primary major is a BS degree. If the primary degree is a BA then this requirement can be satisfied within the SPA major requirements if ANT 230, ANT 332, ANT 333, or ANT 353 is taken.
- One additional humanities course beyond that required by the UKCore (satisfied by the SPA major requirements)
- One additional social science course beyond that required by the UKCore (can be satisfied within the SPA major if LIN 515, LIN 516, LIN 519, CGS 500, any ANT course, or any PSY course is taken)
- A laboratory course (can be satisfied within the SPA major requirements if PSY 100 is taken)
- 60 credit hours of math and science coursework (already satisfied if primary degree is a BS degree.
- 6 hours of free electives
For the BA in Spanish the College of Arts and Science requirements include:

- Two additional science or math courses beyond that required by the UKCore. This is satisfied by the primary major if the primary major is a BS degree. If the primary degree is a BA then this requirement can be satisfied within the SPA major requirements if two of the following are taken: ANT 230, ANT 332, ANT 333, or ANT 353.
- Two additional humanities courses beyond that required by the UKCore (satisfied by the SPA major requirements)
- Two additional social science courses beyond that required by the UKCore (can be satisfied within the SPA major if LIN 515, LIN 516, LIN 519, CGS 500, any ANT course, or any PSY course is taken)
- A laboratory course (can be satisfied within the SPA major requirements if PSY 100 is taken)
- 39 credit hours of 300-or above coursework (satisfied by completion of primary and secondary degree coursework)
- 6 hours of free electives

For students whose primary degree is in the College of Arts and Sciences there is no difference in the total hours required for the BS in Spanish secondary degree and the new BA in Spanish secondary degree. The only difference is the distribution of courses within the major.

Students whose primary degree is not in the College of Arts and Sciences will have to complete the College requirements. If the student’s primary degree is a BS degree and the student has already earned 60 hours of math/science coursework, then, there is no difference in the total hours required for the BS in Spanish secondary degree and the new BA in Spanish secondary degree. The only difference is the distribution of courses within the major.

9. Since the implementation of the new BA in Spanish, not a single student has declared a BS in Spanish as a second degree.

10. There are currently three students in the system who are completing the BS in Spanish as a second degree (1 each declared Fall 2010, Fall 2012, and Fall 2013)
Suspension in BS in Spanish

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To: FW_mmohr2 <m.mohr@uky.edu>

Mon, Oct 12, 2015 at 5:39 AM

Margaret,

I was just making sure all students have been informed before responding to you.

In terms of the curriculum....all of the required Spanish courses will be available to the BS in SPA students or an appropriate substitute will be identified by the DUS.

All current students in the BS in Spanish program have been informed of the suspension of the BS in Spanish, that they will be permitted to remain in the program, and that they have five years from the date of suspension to complete the degree.

REB

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-----Original Message-----
From: Hippisley, Andrew R
Sent: Wednesday, October 02, 2013 1:19 PM
To: Brothers, Sheila C
Subject: SAOC item for SC agenda

Hi Sheila,

Please add the BS Hispanic Studies suspension proposal. That will be the only one this time.

Best,

Andrew
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<td>The B.S. in Spanish is an underused degree option that has been maintained for years without a coherent conceptualization of how it differs from the B.A. In fact, the Spanish major requirements at the departmental level are no different from the B.A. option and the B.S. simply indicates a more extensive exposure to natural sciences, an imposition that has no bearing on SPA courses. Most students who pursue the B.S. option already have a major or minor in one of the natural sciences, making the B.S. option rather redundant. From an academic perspective, the B.S. in Spanish is rather confusing since it implies some alteration to the nature or number of the Spanish courses taken when that is not the case. In truth, we feel that for many students the B.A. degree may reflect more positively on a pre-med student's application, for example, than a B.S. since it exemplifies academic and intellectual diversity.</td>
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<td>What provisions are being made for students already in the program?</td>
<td>All students pursuing the current instantiation of BS-Spanish and BA-Spanish will be able to finish their degree in accord with the current University Bulletin.</td>
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<td>No, we will simply maintain a BA in Spanish with the 3 options that are currently under review.</td>
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*If Yes, forms for dropping a course(s) must be attached.

¹ Suspensions/deletions are made effective for the semester following approval. No suspension/deletion will be made effective unless all approvals, up through and including Board of Trustees approval, are received.
PROGRAM SUSPENSION/DELETION FORM

Signature Routing Log

General Information:

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