

TRANSMITTAL HISTORY FOR PORTUGUESE MINOR REVISION

Committee on Curriculum and Instruction- Friday, June 12, 2009

Excerpt from Unapproved Minutes

1. Portuguese Minor Revision (Guest: Scott Schwenter)
 - Bebe Miller & Arts & Humanities Subcommittee: This was a small adjustment to the existing program. The overall requirements are similar to the present minor and the total credit hours have not changed. The current minor had a choice of 20 hours from particular categories with 1 required course. The proposed minor has a minimum of 20 hours with 2 required courses: 401 & the addition of Portuguese 450. Students can take 401-402-403 at different times or quarters, offering greater flexibility for students in completing their degrees. There is a streamlining of literature and culture, in a response to the current disciplinary climate. Arts & Humanities Subcommittee thought it was a solid revision keeping the minor in line with the major CCI saw earlier.
 - Scott Schwenter: The biggest change is that previously 401 was the only requirement. Now we require 450 (Intro to study of lit and cultures), bringing the major and minor in line with Spanish Major and minor, which requires a similar course. Second, 401 (advanced grammar) was the only requirement previously, and now is required in new major. But for the Portuguese minor, we are unable to require 401 alone or as the only choice because of numbers (it is offered only once per year). A previous change in curriculum created 402 & 403, courses on reading and listening and composition writing. Each is offered once per year; now these are equivalent options for entering into the minor. Students can enter into the minor at any point during a given year. In Spanish, 401 is required but this is offered 4-5 times per qtr, rather than once per year (40 majors in Spanish vs. only 20 in Portuguese). The only other change was how the courses were grouped- before there were separate categories, now these are combined into one. Students just choose one course now, so this has little student impact.
 - Motion to approve- Hubin; 2nd Miller
 - **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

CCI Arts and Humanities Subcommittee- Tuesday, June 2, 2009

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6. Portuguese Minor Revision
 - They are keeping this Minor aligned with the Major, and with the Spanish minor that was previously approved. The change is small, no change to credit hours.
 - They count this as 20 hours, but with prereqs and placing out of 101-104 the minor could be as high as 40-50 credits.
 - a. Coursework in minors in Foreign Languages in general do not “count” until you start 104. This demonstrates proficiency as indicated on their Advising Sheet
 - 100-levels cannot count on Majors as well

- Portuguese 501-502 are for Spanish-speakers, a compressed version of 101-104
- This minor creates more flexibility for students to obtain the minor, and with these not being large enrollment classes students can get into these courses regularly; makes for a more diverse student body as well.
- Another fine presentation for the Spanish/Portuguese Dept
- Hubin, Eyerly- **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

College of Humanities Curriculum Committee- Friday, May 22, 2009

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14. Portuguese Minor Revision

- Keeping credit hours the same, increase electives- after 20 hrs of prereqs, this is an 8-course minor
- Increasing required courses allows students to enter the minor in qtrs when the previous (401) course is only offered in the qtr before. 402 & 403 have been added and students can take them at any time.
- Greater expertise in the practical language that emerges from the doubling up of the language requirements
- This is not retroactive
- Electives- 697, study at a foreign institution- are required courses dealt with by advising? It was left vague to be able to handle it through advising. The assumption is that students wouldn't go abroad before having the orientation courses, as well as having a literature course.
- **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED- Johnson, Roth**