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**Subject:** Spanish 4568 & Portuguese 4550, 5510, 5520, and 5530  
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Rachel,

On Tuesday, November 26, the ASCC Arts and Humanities Panel reviewed two new course proposals for Spanish 4568 and Portuguese 4550 and three course change proposals for Portuguese 5510, 5520, and 5530.

The Panel unanimously approved Spanish 4568. This proposal will next move to the full ASCC for the standard 2-weeks comments period.

The Panel did not take a vote on the Portuguese proposals but would like the following points to be addressed first:

1. Portuguese 4550:

- *Remove D- in grading scale as it is not a grade at OSU.*
- *How many extra-curricular activities do students need to attend to obtain 5%?*
- The Panel agrees that this course can be approved as such with the 2 recommendations in italics above. However, the Panel will hold off advancing the course for now as there is some overlap between materials taught in 4550 and 5520 and the Panel has some concern about undergraduate students being able to take both courses (see notes on 5520 below). In case SPPO wishes to revise 4550 as the Dept is working on addressing the issues in 5510, 5520, and 5530, the course is not advanced for now.

2. Portuguese 5510:

- Form in curriculum.osu.edu: prerequisite information currently says: "Prereq: Portuguese 3450 (450) with a C- or better; Grad standing or permission of instructor." Shouldn't this say, ""Prereq: Portuguese 3450 (450) with a C- or better or Grad standing or permission of instructor"?
- Remove D- in grading scale as it is not a grade at OSU.
- The following links do not work:  
<http://www.ipn.pt/opsis/litera/>  
<http://www.portoeditora.pt/bdigital>  
[http://studentaffairs.osu.edu/info\\_for\\_students/csc.asp](http://studentaffairs.osu.edu/info_for_students/csc.asp)
- There seems to be a contradiction between course description on form in curriculum.osu.edu and the description in the syllabus. The form says, "In-depth study of a major topic or problem in the literatures and cultures of the Portuguese-speaking world (Portugal, Brazil, Lusophone Africa, and Lusophone Asia) from the medieval period to the 18th century." Thus, the course seems to be a topics course, which is confirmed by the course being repeatable 4 times. However, the first paragraph of the syllabus indicates that this "course offers an overview of literature and culture in the Portuguese-speaking world from the twelfth to the eighteenth centuries." The syllabus

implies that the course is a literary period overview course, not a topics course. Please clarify. If the course is indeed a topics course, Panel will wish to see 2 sample syllabi (a requirement for topics courses).

- The rationale for the course number change states the following, “Because of the overlap between the content and goals of 4551 and 4552 we will withdraw the latter.” The Panel believes this should read, “Because of the overlap between the content and goals of 4551 and 4552 we will withdraw both.”

### 3. Portuguese 5520:

- Form in curriculum.osu.edu: prerequisite information currently says: “Prereq: Portuguese 3450 (450) or Grad standing, or permission of instructor.” Shouldn’t this say, “Prereq: Portuguese 3450 (450) with a C- or better or Grad standing, or permission of instructor”?

- Remove D- in grading scale as it is not a grade at OSU.

- The following link does not work:

[http://studentaffairs.osu.edu/info\\_for\\_students/csc.asp](http://studentaffairs.osu.edu/info_for_students/csc.asp)

The link for the national library of Portugal is given where the link for the national library of Brazil should be.

- There seems to be a contradiction between course description on form in curriculum.osu.edu and the description in the syllabus. The form says, “In-depth study of a major topic or problem in the literatures and cultures of the Portuguese-speaking world (Portugal, Brazil, Lusophone Africa and Lusophone Asia) of the 19th and early 20th centuries.” Thus, the course seems to be a topics course, which is confirmed by the course being repeatable 4 times. However, the first paragraph of the syllabus indicates that this “course offers an overview of literatures and cultures of the Portuguese-speaking world in the nineteenth to the early twentieth centuries.” The syllabus implies that the course is a literary period overview course, not a topics course. Please clarify. If the course is indeed a topics course, Panel will wish to see 2 sample syllabi (a requirement for topics courses).
- The rationale for the course number change states the following, “Because of the overlap between the content and goals of 4551 and 4552 we will withdraw the latter.” The Panel believes this should read, “Because of the overlap between the content and goals of 4551 and 4552 we will withdraw both.”
- At least six classes of reading overlap with 4550 schedule. Should there be an exclusion (that a student who took 4550 should not be allowed to take 5520 and vice versa) or should the content of either course be changed? Please explain.

### 4. Portuguese 5530:

- Form in curriculum.osu.edu: prerequisite information currently says: “Prereq: Portuguese 3450 (450) or Grad standing, or permission of instructor.” Shouldn’t this say, “Prereq: Portuguese 3450 (450) with a C- or better or Grad standing, or permission of instructor”?

- Remove D- in grading scale as it is not a grade at OSU.

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- There seems to be a contradiction between course description on form in curriculum.osu.edu and the description in the syllabus. The form says, “In-depth study of a major topic or problem in the literatures and cultures of the Portuguese-speaking world (Portugal, Brazil, Lusophone Africa, and Lusophone Asia) from the mid-20th to the 21st century.” Thus, the course seems to be a topics course, which is confirmed by the course being repeatable 4 times. However, the first paragraph of the syllabus indicates that this “course offers an overview of literatures and cultures of the Portuguese-speaking world in the early twentieth to the twenty-first centuries.” The syllabus implies that the course is a literary period overview course, not a topics course. Please clarify. If the course is indeed a topics course, Panel will wish to see 2 sample syllabi (a requirement for topics courses).
- The rationale for the course number change states the following, “Because of the overlap between the content and goals of 4551 and 4552 we will withdraw the latter.” The Panel believes this should read, “Because of the overlap between the content and goals of 4551 and 4552 we will withdraw both.”

I will return the Portuguese courses via curriculum.osu.edu in a minute to enable the Department to make the necessary changes.

Should you have any questions about this feedback, please do not hesitate to contact Richard Fletcher, Chair of the ASCC A&H Panel (cc'd on this e-mail), or me.

Best wishes,  
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