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To Whom It May Concern:

The World Languages Skills and Competencies Workshop was developed in response an encounter with a graduating senior who studied with Prof. Aski. This student was mildly distraught and said she was graduating *ONLY* with a double major in Italian and Spanish and didn't know what she was going to do. She felt that she could never get a job. This advising episode made Prof. Aski realize that undergraduates are not aware of the amazing and sought-after skills that they develop by studying a world language. The workshop was developed in order to help UG majors and minors in world languages articulate these transferable skills. The goals of the workshop, which would begin in Autumn semester 2020, are the following:

At the end of this workshop students will be able to:

1. Concisely define 'intercultural competency';
2. Identify the behaviors and skills of a person who has achieved a high level of intercultural competency;
3. Give concrete examples of how they have developed intercultural competency during their study of (a) world language(s) and/or through other experiences during their time at OSU;
4. Describe these skills on a resume;
5. Describe to a potential employer the skills you have developed through your time as a student of a world language and your development of intercultural competency.

The two-hour workshop is offered every Spring semester, co-taught by a faculty member or an advanced graduate student and a representative from Career Services (the first workshop was by Janice Aski from FRIT and Stephanie Ford). The workshop will be a requirement for majors in Italian, Italian Studies, French, French and Francophone Studies and Romance Studies, and minors in French and Italian. Students will receive a certificate of attendance that they can submit to their advisor demonstrating completion of the requirement.

With the incorporation of Intercultural Competence into the goals of the new GE and general awareness of its importance in our increasingly interconnected world (Intercultural Competence is ranked fourth of the top ten work skills needed for the future:

<http://www.iftf.org/futureworkskills/>), we feel that this workshop is a necessary addition to our majors.

Sincerely,



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