CATALOG YEAR 2009-2010
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COLLEGE: COAS

Current Catalog Page(s) Affected

Course: Add: ___ Delete: ___ Change _x_: 
(check all that apply) Number ___ Title ___ SCH ___ Description _x_ Prerequisite ___

If new, provide Course Prefix, Number, Title, SCH Value, Description, prerequisite, and lecture/lab hours if applicable. If in current catalog, provide change and attach page with changes in red and provide a brief justification.

Additional information will be added to the SPAN 1620 course description. This addition will read, “SPAN 1620 will not fulfill the COAS Foreign Language/Study Abroad requirement if a student has already received 6 credit hours of introductory Spanish by having taken either the CLEP exam or AP high school courses.”

Program: Add: _____ Change: _____ Attach new/changed Program of Study description and 4-year plan. If in current catalog, provide change and attach page with changes in red.

Minor: Add: _____ Delete: _____ Change: _____ Attach new/changed minor. If in current catalog, provide change and attach page with changes in red.

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College Introductory Pages: Add information: _____ Change information: _____ Attach new/changed information. If in current catalog, provide change and attach page with changes in red.

Justification: General misunderstanding has existed concerning whether SPAN 1620 can be taken to fulfill the COAS foreign language requirement. For example, some students have first taken the CLEP exam and received 6-credit hours for their university foreign language requirement, and subsequently enrolled in SPAN 1620, thinking that this would
fulfill their COAS foreign language requirement. Instead, students who receive credit by taking the CLEP should fulfill the COAS requirement by either taking six credit hours of sophomore level Spanish or six credits of a different foreign language at the introductory level (eg. Mandarin Chinese, French, or Portuguese). The addition of this new statement in the course description should curtail the occurrence of advising errors.

The new information will be added to the current course descriptions and read as follows:

SPAN 1620 Introductory Spanish for Non-Native Speakers I & II

Beginning Spanish (Non-Native Speakers)

Six semester hours plus one hour lab.

An intensive beginning Spanish course for non-native speakers. An oral and written introduction to Spanish for students with no previous knowledge of the language. The course emphasizes the need to acquire an ear for the sound of Spanish and an introduction to the language's grammatical structures. Cross-listed with SPAN 1311 and SPAN 1312. “SPAN 1620 will not fulfill the COAS Foreign Language/Study Abroad requirement if a student has already received 6 credit hours of introductory Spanish by having taken either the CLEP exam or AP high school courses.”

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