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RE: Updating Catalog Information on Study Abroad

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The Department of Hispanic Studies, in conjunction with the Department of Modern and Classical Languages, is requesting that changes be made to the information in the Undergraduate Catalog concerning Programs Abroad. We are requesting three changes.

1. That the Undergraduate Catalog reflect the split between the Department of Modern and Classical Languages and the Department of Hispanic Studies.
2. That the Undergraduate Catalog incorporate information on "Special Programs" that are being offered through the Department of Hispanic Studies to Latin America and Spain.
3. The Department of Hispanic Studies has encountered a limited number of cases in which students wish to complete the entirety or most of their requirements for the major or minor in Spanish through study abroad programs. Right now there is nothing official to limit the number of classes our majors and minors can take abroad and apply to the major or minor. Under the current policies, programs offered through the Office of Study Abroad or classes taken through one of our Special Programs count as in-house credits, not transfer credits, so that the residency requirement does not cover this issue. We would like to add the requirement that Hispanic Studies majors must take a minimum of 15 credit hours

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of the 27 hours required for the major, and 9 credit hours of the 15 required for the minor, excluding credit by exam and study abroad in residency on campus with the Department of Hispanic Studies.

### **Current Catalog Language**

**[http://www.uh.edu/academics/catalog/las/las\\_academic.html#Programs\\_Abroad](http://www.uh.edu/academics/catalog/las/las_academic.html#Programs_Abroad)**

### **Programs Abroad**

The Office of International Studies and Programs (OISP), located in 501 Ezekiel Cullen, is the umbrella for all study abroad programs at the University of Houston.

Three types of programs are offered:

1. Faculty-Led programs, such as those offered through the Department of Modern and Classical Languages to Spain, China, Germany, France, and Mexico, and through the African American Studies Program to Africa.
2. Affiliated programs through organizations such as the Council on International Education and Exchange (CIEE), and the University Study Abroad Consortium (USAC), which have established programs all over the world.
3. Reciprocal Exchange Studies. Students should contact the OISP and the department or organization offering the program as much as a year in advance in order to plan their program.

With most programs, students are able to enroll (register) and receive UH credit for their study abroad courses. The OISP also has re-sources for numerous scholarships for study abroad that are available to UH students.

Students must apply to Faculty-Led programs through the departments.

- For information and applications for Modern and Classical Languages

Department programs, contact the department at 713-743-3007.

- For information and applications for African American Studies Programs, contact the director at 713-743-2813.

For information about study abroad programs sponsored both by the University of Houston and other universities, and for scholarship information on study abroad, contact the Office of International Studies and Programs, 501 Ezekiel Cullen, 713-743-9167.

### **Proposed Revisions to Catalog Language (changes highlighted in bold underline\_**

**[http://www.uh.edu/academics/catalog/las/las\\_academic.html#Programs\\_Abroad](http://www.uh.edu/academics/catalog/las/las_academic.html#Programs_Abroad)**

### **Programs Abroad**

The Office of International Studies and Programs (OISP), located in 501 Ezekiel Cullen, is the umbrella for all study abroad programs at the University of Houston.

**Four** types of programs are offered:

1. Faculty-Led programs, such as those offered through the Department of Modern and Classical Languages **to China and France**, and through the African American Studies Program to Africa.
2. **Special Programs under the direction of the Department of Hispanic Studies to Latin America and Spain.**
3. Affiliated programs through organizations such as the Council on International Education and Exchange (CIEE), and the University Study Abroad Consortium (USAC), which have established programs all over the world.
4. Reciprocal Exchange Studies. Students should contact the OISP and the

department or organization offering the program as much as a year in advance in order to plan their program.

With most programs, students are able to enroll (register) and receive UH credit for their study abroad courses. The OISP also has resources for numerous scholarships for study abroad that are available to UH students.

Students must apply to Faculty-Led programs through the departments.

- For information and applications for Modern and Classical Languages Department programs, contact the department at 713-743-8350.
- **For information and applications for Special Programs to Latin America and Spain, contact the Director of Undergraduate Studies at 713-743-3007 and the Office of Study Abroad. Spanish majors must take a minimum of 15 credit hours, and minors 9 credit hours, in residence with the Department of Hispanic Studies not including credit by exam or study abroad.**
- For information and applications for African American Studies Programs, contact the director at 713-743-2813.

For information about study abroad programs sponsored both by the University of Houston and other universities, and for scholarship information on study abroad, contact the Office of International Studies and Programs, 501 Ezekiel Cullen, 713-743-9167.

**FURTHER CHANGES REQUIRED IN THE CATALOG UNDER THE DEPARTMENTAL HEADINGS.**

**Current Catalog Language**

[http://www.uh.edu/academics/catalog/las/las\\_degree\\_lang.html#lang\\_summprogFS](http://www.uh.edu/academics/catalog/las/las_degree_lang.html#lang_summprogFS)

### **Summer Programs Abroad in Chinese, French, and Spanish**

The summer program in Chinese is academically vigorous and culturally enriching. It offers intensive course work and extensive travel on weekends. Students may take up to three courses (nine credit hours) toward the Chinese minor or Chinese Studies major in approximately five weeks while in Beijing. The program offers language courses of all levels and culture/literature courses taught in English. All courses have the same curriculum as the courses offered on the UH campus.

A summer program of study in France allows qualified students to earn residence credit in French at various undergraduate levels. The program is directed by a full-time faculty member of the department. A minimum of one year of college French, or equivalent, is required. Contact the department for more information.

Through its summer programs in Latin America and Spain, the department offers up to six semester hours of credit in Spanish language, civilization, and literature. These programs are directed by University of Houston faculty members, and costs are modest. Undergraduate and graduate students of Spanish and allied specialties are eligible to apply for admission. Programs usually coincide with the 6 Week-First Session (Summer I). For more information, consult the program director in the department. □□ In addition, the department encourages students interested in studying abroad during the regular academic year to consult with the department's undergraduate advisor.

### **Proposed Catalog Language for Department of Modern and Classical Languages Summer Programs Abroad in Chinese and French**

The summer program in Chinese is academically **rigorous** and culturally enriching. It offers intensive course work and extensive travel on weekends. Students may take up to three courses (nine credit hours) toward the Chinese minor or Chinese Studies major in approximately five weeks while in Beijing. The program offers language courses **at** all

and 4341. Nine semester hours must be completed in residence. Students must earn a 2.50 minimum cumulative grade point average on all Spanish courses attempted in the minor at the University of Houston.

### **Proposed Catalog Language**

#### **Minor in Spanish for the Business Professions**

Students minoring in Spanish for the Business Professions must complete at least 15 semester hours in Spanish, all of which must be advanced, including SPAN 3341, 3342, and 4341. Nine semester hours must be completed in residence **with the Department of Hispanic Studies not including credit by exam or study abroad**. Students must earn a 2.50 minimum cumulative grade point average on all Spanish courses attempted in the minor at the University of Houston.

