Boise State University
Foundational Studies Program Course Application Form
Due to the Foundational Studies Program by August 19, 2011

After the Foundational Studies Program has approved a course, departments will continue through the regular department and college procedures. The approved course should be submitted to the University Curriculum Committee by October 1, 2011.

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Instructions:
1. Complete one form per course.
2. Attach this Foundational Studies Course Application Form to the back of the University Curriculum Committee “Request for Curriculum Action” form. Both forms should be submitted to the Foundational Studies Program Office by August 19, 2011.

Part I. Course Information

Course Number and Title: SPANISH 203 Intermediate Spanish for the Native or Near-Native Speaker

Type of Foundational Studies Course – (Choose One):
[ ] DLS (Disciplinary Lens – Social Science)
[x] DLL (Disciplinary Lens – Literature and Humanities)
[ ] DLV (Disciplinary Lens – Visual and Performing Arts)
[ ] DLM (Disciplinary Lens – Mathematics)
[ ] DLN (Disciplinary Lens – Natural, Physical, and Applied Sciences)
  Includes Lab: [ ] Yes [ ] No
[ ] CID (Communication in the Discipline)
[ ] FF (Finishing Foundations)

Delivery Format(s) – (Check all that apply):
[x] Face to Face
[ ] Fully Online
[ ] Hybrid
[ ] Concurrent Enrollment
[ ] Other (briefly describe):
Part II. Syllabus Statement

In the space below, include the syllabus statement for this course which will appear on the first page of the syllabus for each section of this course. (Template and examples are appended to this application form.)

Boise State’s Foundational Studies Program provides undergraduates with a broad-based education that spans the entire university experience. SPANISH 203 Intermediate Spanish for the Native or Near-Native Speaker satisfies 4 units of the Foundations Program’s Disciplinary Lens—Literature and Humanities (DLL) requirement. It supports the following University Learning Outcomes, along with a variety of other course-specific goals.

10. Apply knowledge and the methods of inquiry characteristic of literature and other humanities disciplines to interpret and produce texts expressive of the human condition.

SPANISH 203 Intermediate Spanish for the Native or Near-Native Speaker is designed to help students cultivate a precise command of the Spanish language. Emphasis is placed on acquiring the four language skills—listening, speaking, reading and writing—within a cultural context, in order to achieve communicative proficiency at the intermediate level. This course helps to achieve the goals of the Foundational Studies Program by focusing on the following course learning outcomes. After a successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Read, analyze and critique written discourse in Spanish at the intermediate level;
- Write and/or speak clearly and suitably in Spanish for a variety of purposes and for different audiences at the intermediate level;
- Negotiate meaning in Spanish in a variety of situations and contexts appropriate to the intermediate level;
- Identify and use culturally appropriate information sources in both written and spoken discourse in Spanish at the intermediate level;
- Explain their own cultural perspective and make meaningful comparisons between it and other cultural perspectives;
- Demonstrate understanding of the culturally based lens through which people develop worldviews;
- Employ speaking, listening and interpersonal skills in Spanish at the intermediate level.

Part III. Design for Accessibility

In the space below, briefly describe plans for providing access to course materials and activities (or equivalent alternatives) to all students in adherence with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Although these plans may vary from instructor to instructor, the descriptions provided below should be representative of intended departmental and instructor practices. (See example statements appended to this form.)

SPANISH 203 Intermediate Spanish for the Native or Near-Native Speaker: Extra time on tests, oral examinations or other accommodations will be provided to students as needed per the policies of the Disability Resource Center. Whenever available, videos chosen for use in the course will be those that have been close-captioned by the content producer to provide access to students with disabilities. Boise State University’s Disability Resource Center (DRC) works with students and faculty to arrange reasonable accommodations and promote an environment that is free of both physical and attitudinal barriers.
Part IV. Evidence of Quality Course Design

Please use the table below (column headings for this table should not be changed) to provide evidence that the course has been carefully designed and is clearly aligned with Foundational Studies Program desired ULOs. All sections of the course should share similar student learning outcomes. Teaching and Learning Activities and Assessment Methods may vary from instructor to instructor. Please use the table to report representative strategies that may be used. Assessment activities used for reporting to the Foundational Studies Program should be consistent across different sections of the course.

Please see below.

Part V. Additional Justification (Optional)

If the brief justification provided to the University Curriculum Committee in the proposal to accompany the “Request for Curriculum Action” is not sufficient to make the case for including the course in the Foundational Studies Program, additional (optional) narrative can be added here.

The human condition is such that not everyone in the world communicates in the same language. SPANISH 203 Intermediate Spanish for the Native or Near-Native Speaker provides students with the foundational skills to negotiate meaning in a variety of situations and contexts appropriate to the intermediate level. Students will expand their capacity to read, understand and interpret texts in Spanish as well as to write and produce texts in Spanish at the intermediate level.

Review Committee Checklist

X Syllabus Statement - statement introduces the student to the purpose and role of the course in the Foundational Studies Program curriculum.

X An appropriate number of Course Learning Outcomes are specified for the course and are clearly designed to support the Foundational Studies Program ULOs.

X Course Learning Outcomes are appropriately designed for level of the course and address both content mastery and skill-based outcomes.

X The types and numbers of assessments planned for the course are appropriate for measuring the content or skills being assessed

X Course learning activities are likely to promote the achievement of the stated outcomes

X Course design and materials have considered best practices for accessibility to course materials and ideas by all students (e.g., alternatives to auditory and visual content)

Feedback from Review Committee:

This looks like a valuable course, especially with the range of learning activities and assessments that it includes. It would be helpful to have some differentiation between this course and the other intermediate-level courses to explain how it is adapted to the target audience (native or near-native Spanish speakers). For example, will this course have a larger literary component than other Spanish
courses at the same level? Will students be required to achieve a higher level of mastery because of their prior knowledge of the language? Some of these elements could be incorporated into the learning objectives to help clarify the purpose of this course as distinct from Spanish 202.

Taken for granted but not overtly stated is that relatively less time is spent on acquiring conversational Spanish skills, which the native speakers have, and relatively more time is spent on acquiring the mechanics of standard spelling in Spanish, knowledge of parts of speech, the names of verb tenses, etc. In general, more time is devoted to reading and writing and less time is devoted to speaking and listening practice, though the class is always conducted in Spanish.

Electronically signed by Vicki Stieha,
Director, Foundational Studies Program
Boise State University

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Foundational Studies Course

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Course Design Table

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| ULO 10: Critical reading skills within the discipline | • Skillfully uses disciplinary tools and vocabulary appropriate for the course  
• Accurately comprehends appropriate texts  
• Convincingly interprets appropriate texts  
• Insightfully analyzes assigned texts | Read, analyze and critique written discourse in Spanish at the intermediate level | Exams and/or Quizzes (These will assess reading skills in Spanish at the intermediate level.) | Portions of this course will use best practice pedagogies selected from the following, but not limited to:  
• Instructor presentation  
• Reading and discussing texts in class  
• Written and/or oral reflections on texts  
• Small group work  
• Language lab  
  o Conversation practice  
  o Tutoring |
| ULO 10: Writing and/or speaking within the discipline | • Articulates complex ideas in clear and coherent language appropriate to the discipline  
• Demonstrates exemplary skill with grammar and style appropriate for the course | • Write and/or speak clearly and suitably in Spanish for a variety of purposes and for different audiences at the intermediate level;  
• Negotiate meaning of Spanish in a variety of situations and contexts appropriate to the intermediate level. | • Compositions in Spanish. (Work will be evaluated on the basis of accuracy of expression, integration of new vocabulary and creative content at the intermediate level.)  
• Presentation or Interview in Spanish.  
• Exams and/or Quizzes (These will assess writing in Spanish at the intermediate level.) | Portions of this course will use best practice pedagogies selected from the following, but not limited to:  
• Role-playing  
• Group Projects and/or presentations  
• Class discussions  
• Small group work  
• In-class writings  
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| ULO 10: Reasoning within the discipline | • Demonstrate a high level of skill in logical reasoning in written and oral work appropriate for the course  
• Identify important underlying assumptions  
• Distinguishes pertinent facts from opinions  
• Differentiates claims from reasons  
• Arranges relevant evidence in concise and clear language appropriate for the course | • Identify and use culturally appropriate information sources in both written and spoken discourse in Spanish at the intermediate level.  
• Analyze underlying assumptions affecting the demographic groups who are native users of Spanish | • Presentation or Interview  
• Exams  
• Participation in discussion | Portions of this course will use best practice pedagogies selected from the following, but not limited to:  
• Class discussions  
• Instructor Presentation  
• Role Playing  
• Classroom assessment techniques:  
  • Muddiest point  
  • One minute paper |
| ULO 10: Cultural, historical, conceptual, and linguistic awareness | • Exhibits awareness of and sensitivity to human values by demonstrating knowledge and appreciation of cultural, historical, conceptual or linguistic differences  
• Explain one’s own cultural perspectives make meaningful comparisons with the cultural perspectives of others | • Explain their own cultural perspective and make meaningful comparisons between it and other cultural perspectives;  
• Demonstrate understanding of the culturally-based lens through which people develop world views. | Research Project | Portions of this course will use best practice pedagogies selected from the following, but not limited to:  
• Instructor Presentation  
• Assigned reading or topic  
• Ethnography: Observe social setting where people speak Spanish  
• Case study: Interview a native speaker or a fluent speaker who lived in area where Spanish is predominant |
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<td><strong>ULO 10: Personal development</strong></td>
<td>• Responsibly entertain and evaluate views that differ from one’s own</td>
<td>• Employ speaking, listening and interpersonal skills in Spanish at the intermediate level.</td>
<td>Greater participation in class discussion leads to a higher participation grade.</td>
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<td>• Actively explore and navigate ambiguity and difference</td>
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