59. Change in Curriculum

**College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences**

International Certificate in Cultural Competency & Communications in Spanish
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COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE AND BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES

INTERNATIONAL CERTIFICATE IN CULTURAL COMPETENCY & COMMUNICATIONS IN SPANISH
Texas A&M University
Request for a Change in Curriculum
Undergraduate • Graduate • Professional

1. Program request type: ☑ Undergraduate  □ Graduate  □ First Professional (e.g., DVM, JD, MD, etc.)

2. Request change for: □ Degree Program  □ Minor  ☑ Certificate

3. Request submitted by (Department or Program Name):
   Biomedical Sciences Program

4. Program Designation and Name (e.g., B.A. in History, Minor in History, Certificate in European Union):
   International Certificate in Cultural Competency & Communications

5. Brief description of change:
The area studies hours have changed from 6 to 3. The Capstone course has changed to a Capstone experience requiring 1. "a medical communications course", 2. a 485 experience, 3. Study Abroad , as approved on the TAMU website. Total number of hours prior to the change: 17. Total number of hours after the change: Minimum 16 hours.

6. Rationale for change:
In the previous version, the capstone medical communications course could only be satisfied by a course that is offered during a study abroad. Alternatives exist and therefore this change reflects the presence of alternatives. Further, combined with a study abroad, students complete a capstone experience, rather than a single course. A 2 hour 485 experience is replacing 3 hours of area studies. This experience is a specific section of 485 that requires significant shadowing in the biomedical environment while using the Spanish language and cultural skills learned during the certification process.

*The full name is International Certificate in Cultural Competency & Communications in Spanish

Use the checkboxes below to make sure that all information is included.

7. a. Proposed curriculum attached. □ Yes  □ No
   b. Current catalog curriculum with handwritten edits attached. □ Yes  □ No
   c. Current Howdy degree evaluation with handwritten edits attached. □ Yes  □ No

Please make sure the attached proposed curriculum, catalog and Howdy degree evaluation match.

8. a. Will degree program hours change (increase/decrease) due to the proposed curriculum changes? □ Yes  □ No
   b. If yes, degree program hours will change from: ________ to: ________
   c. If yes, is the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board form attached? □ Yes  □ No

   http://www.thecb.state.tx.us/index.cfm?objectid=A0F9F7FA-9A92-4F11-2756AD3BBFF01D60

9. If proposed changes affect other unit(s), are letters of support attached? □ Yes  □ No

IMPORTANT NOTE: Curriculum changes submitted through the approval process and fully approved by February (December-UCC/GC, January-Faculty Senate, February-President) will be effective in the next academic year. Changes requiring approval beyond the University should complete the internal approval process early in the fall semester whenever possible in order to ensure timely implementation.

Approval recommended by:

Elizabeth Crouch, Department Head or Program Chair (Type Name & Sign)  10/7/14

Jim Herman, Chair, College Review Committee  10/7/14

Eleanor Green, Dean of College  10/7/14

Chair, GC or UCC  10/7/14

Questions regarding this form should be directed to Curricular Services at 845.8201 or sandra-william@tamu.edu
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In satisfying the required 24 hours of BIMS directed electives and free electives, all 285/485 courses may not exceed 6 credit hours and all 291/491 courses may not exceed 3 credit hours. A 289/489 course used as a free elective may not exceed 1 hour. A 291/491 course may not exceed 3 hours credit.

NOTES: 1. Must be chosen in consultation with BIMS academic advisor.
2. Check with your BIMS academic advisor to take the correct required writing course.
3. BIMS directed electives: Courses that constitute the major are those offered by the College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences and those approved for biomedical science electives. A student may choose 24 semester credit hours from the following list of courses: BIMS 290, BIMS 490, BIMS 492, BIMS 494, BMS 484, VTPB 101, VTPB 102, VTPB 200, VTPB 201, VTPB 202, VTPB 204, VTPB 400, VTPB 410, VTPB 442, VTPB 443, VTPB 444, VTPB 445, VTPB 446, VTPB 447, VTPB 448, VTPB 449, VTPB 450. Additional CV M courses: 489 Honors sections and 485 (Directed Studies). A complete list of all BIMS directed electives may be obtained from BIMS advisor.

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Students who complete this certificate will be functionally bilingual and able to perform linguistically in a culturally sensitive manner within the biomedical environment. A required study abroad will allow students to gain experiential knowledge, expanding their cultural sensitivities and functionality in a foreign environment. Because of limited resources, the program will have a cap on the number of students admitted. All courses in the program must be completed with a grade of C or better. The certificate will be awarded upon completion of a BS degree in Biomedical Sciences. To earn the certificate, students are required to complete:

1. A minimum of 9 hours of Spanish credit to include:
   SPAN 201
   SPAN 202
   SPAN 300/SPAN 400 level course of the student's choice (prerequisites apply)

2. A minimum of 6 credit hours of area studies from an approved course list.

3. A capstone course: VTPB 303 for 2 hours.

4. An International Experience approved by the Biomedical Sciences Program.

NOTES

SPAN 228 and SPAN 229 are acceptable for Spanish at the 100-level when taken abroad, for SPAN 201 and SPAN 202.

The certificate is designed with the student's required Texas A&M Core Curriculum in mind. Many of the courses on the approved list will count as a language, philosophy and culture, creative arts, or social and behavioral science course. It is up to the student to compare the two lists and to work with their advisor to choose courses appropriate to their degree plan. (See page 17.)

For course options, see academic advisor.

Spanish speaking courses:

This course is a specific section of 485 that requires shadowing in the biomedical environment while using the Spanish language.
Dear Brandi: Please proceed as planned. The changes in the certificate requirements are so much better and clearer now.

Respectfully,

Rosalinda

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Subject: Request for a Change in Curriculum (Spanish Certificate)

Howdy,

Attached is a Request for a Change in Curriculum for the International Certificate in Cultural Competency and Communications. If you could, please attach a letter of support by Thursday 10/9.

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