To be adopted:

Proposed Changes to the Language Major

Present:

**Language Major**

The B.A. in Languages allows a student to specialize in two or three foreign languages through a knowledge not only of the languages themselves but also of the bases of language (linguistics), examples of their creative use (literature), and the cultures which they reflect (civilization).

Students interested in a single language concentration should see individual language program listings in this catalog.

**Two Foreign Languages Option**

1. CPLT 015 and LING 020
2. Elementary and intermediate courses in languages one and two as required
3. Sixty-four (64) upper-division units distributed as follows:
   a) Language one — 28 units which must include the following minimums:
      (1) Sixteen (16) units in language
      (2) Twelve (12) units in literature and civilization
   b) Language two — 20 units which must include the following minimums:
      (1) Twelve (12) units in language
      (2) Eight (8) units in literature and civilization
   c) LING 111 — 4 units
   d) One other course in Linguistics — 4 units
   e) Eight (8) units of electives in any of the above-mentioned areas

**Three Foreign Languages Option**

1. CPLT 015 and LING 020
2. Elementary and intermediate courses in Language one, two, and three as required
3. Sixty-four (64) upper-division units distributed as follows:
   a) Language one — 20 units which must include the following minimums:
      (1) Twelve (12) units in language
      (2) Eight (8) units in literature and civilization
   b) Language two — 20 units which must include the following minimums:
      (1) Twelve (12) units in language
      (2) Eight (8) units in literature and civilization
   c) LING 111 — 4 units
   d) One other course in Linguistics — 4 units
   e) Four (4) units of electives in any of the above-mentioned areas
   f) CPLT 193 (4 units). (CPLT 196 strongly recommended but not required)

Proposed:

**Languages and Literatures/Languages Major**

The B.A. in Languages enables a student to specialize in two foreign languages through the acquisition of language competencies, as well as exposure to the theoretical basis and structure of language itself (linguistics), and the study of the cultural and literary practices, which the target languages reflect and enact. Students interested in a single language concentration should see individual language program listings in this catalog.

**Two Foreign Languages Option**

1. CPLT 001 or CPLT 001W, CPLT 002, and LING 020
2. Elementary and intermediate courses in languages one and two as required
3. Sixty-four (64) upper-division units distributed as follows:
   a) Language one — 28 units which must include the following minimums:
      (1) Sixteen (16) units in language
      (2) Twelve (12) units in literature and culture
   b) Language two — 20 units which must include the following minimums:
      (1) Twelve (12) units in language
      (2) Eight (8) units in literature and culture
   c) LING 111 — 4 units
   d) One other course in Linguistics — 4 units
   e) Four (4) units of electives in any of the above-mentioned areas
   f) CPLT 193 (4 units). (CPLT 196 strongly recommended but not required)
b) Language two — 20 units which must include the following minimums:
   (1) Twelve (12) units in language
   (2) Eight (8) units in literature and civilization

c) Language three — 12 units in language

d) LING 111 — 4 units

e) One other course in Linguistics — 4 units

f) Four (4) units in electives from any of the above-mentioned areas

Justification:

1. **Major Title Correction/Change**
   The Languages major was at one point mistakenly renamed "Language" through a clerical error. The major does indeed focus on two languages and the current misnomer is confusing to students. This "change" is in fact an appropriate and overdue correction.

   The addition of the term "Languages and Literatures" before the slash reflects a departmental initiative to gather all majors administered by the Department of Comparative Literature and Foreign Languages under the same umbrella term.

2. **Lower Division courses CPLT 001 or CPLT 001W and CPLT 002**
   Addition of new lower division requirements will target intellectual training in critical thinking, textual analysis, close reading, multicultural contextualization, and analytical essay creation. To that end, CPLT 001 (Introduction to Close Reading) or CPLT 001W replaces the more general CPLT 015, which will be discontinued from the major. CPLT 002 (Introduction to World Literature) will build on the analytical competency acquired in CPLT 001 or CPLT 001W.

3. **Upper division courses CPLT 193 and CPLT 196**
   New required Senior Seminar (CPLT 193) and recommended Senior Research Project (CPLT 196) will complete undergraduate learning through a capstone course experience that will prepare students to engage in meaningful research in a variety of post-graduate settings.

4. **Discontinuation of “Three Foreign Language Option”**
   The 3 languages track is being discontinued per the External Reviewers' recommendations, and per departmental findings that the track did not provide adequate preparation in each of the 3 languages.

The courses listed on the proposed major are active and will be offered regularly.

**APPROVALS:**

Approved by the Faculty of the Department of Comparative Literature and Foreign Languages: 3/11/11

Approved by the Executive Committee of the College of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences: 4/6/11

Approved by the Committee on Educational Policy: 4/27/11