

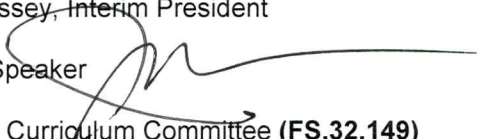


FACULTY SENATE

December 9, 2014

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Dr. Mark A. Hussey, Interim President

**FROM:** Jim Woosley, Speaker 

**SUBJECT:** Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (FS.32.149)

The Faculty Senate submits for your approval the item from the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee at its regular meeting on December 8, 2014. Attached is a copy of the material sent to our Senators.

**Change in Curriculum**  
**College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences**  
 International Certificate in Cultural Competency & Communications in Spanish


cc: Karan Watson  
 Christine Stanley  
 Michael Benedik  
 Sandra Williams  
 Eleanor Green

FACULTY SENATE AGENDA ITEM REVIEW

This item has been reviewed by the Office of the Provost (OP). Below are recommended action(s): RE: FS. 32.149

<i>Presidential Action:</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recommend Approval <input type="checkbox"/> Review Only	<i>OP Recommended Action</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Hold for Further Review <input type="checkbox"/> Hold Released _____ <input type="checkbox"/> System Review/Submission <input type="checkbox"/> BOR Approval <input type="checkbox"/> THECB Approval/Notification <input type="checkbox"/> SACSCOC Approval/Notification
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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Reviewed: \_\_\_\_\_

Mark A. Hussey  2/3/15  
 Mark A. Hussey Date

59. Change in Curriculum

**College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences**  
International Certificate in Cultural Competency & Communications in Spanish

# **CHANGE IN CURRICULA**

# **CHANGE IN CURRICULUM**

**COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE AND BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES**

INTERNATIONAL CERTIFICATE IN CULTURAL  
COMPETENCY & COMMUNICATIONS IN SPANISH

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# Texas A&M University Request for a Change in Curriculum Undergraduate ♦ Graduate ♦ Professional

1. Program request type:  Undergraduate  Graduate  First Professional (ex., 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 in Spanish

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



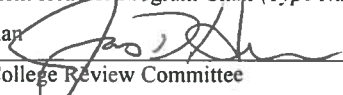

Please make sure the attached proposed curriculum, catalog and Howdy degree evaluation match.

- 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.theccb.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		10/7/14	Eleanor Green		10-7-14
Department Head or Program Chair (Type Name & Sign)	Date		Dean of College	Date	
Jim Herman		10/7/14		10/13/14	
Chair, College Review Committee	Date		Chair, GC or UCC	Date	



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 289/489 courses may not exceed 9 credit hours. A 289/489 course used as a free elective may not exceed 3 hours. 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 courses.

\*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 credits from the following partial list of courses: BIMS 289, BIMS 405, BIMS 421, BIMS 452, BIMS 484, BIMS 489; VTPB 301, VTPB 303, VTPB 406, VTPB 407, VTPB 408, VTPB 409, VTPB 410, VTPB 412, VTPB 421, VTPB 438, VTPB 452, VTPB 454, VTPB 487, VTPP 424, VTPP 425, VTPP 427, VTPP 429; VIBS 204, VIBS 343, VIBS 404, VIBS 409, VIBS 413, VIBS 420, VIBS 432, VIBS 443, VIBS 450. Additional CVM courses: 489 Honors sections and 485 (Directed Studies). A complete list of all BIMS directed electives may be obtained from a BIMS advisor.

### International Certificate in Cultural Competency and Communications in Spanish

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<sup>a</sup>  
SPAN 202<sup>a</sup>  
SPAN 300/SPAN 400 level course of the student's choice (prerequisites apply)
2. A minimum of 6<sup>2</sup> credit hours of area studies from an approved course list.<sup>b</sup>
3. A capstone course: VTPB 303 for 2 hours. <sup>medical communications area - min. 2 hours<sup>c</sup></sup>
4. An International Experience approved by the Biomedical Sciences Program.<sup>d</sup>

5. NOTES
- a. SPAN 221 and SPAN 222 are acceptable <sup>SP</sup>substitutions when taken abroad, for SPAN 201 and SPAN 202.
  - b. The certificate was 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 sciences. It is up to the student to compare the two lists and to work with their academic advisor to choose courses appropriate to their degree plan. (See page 17).
  - c. It is suggested that students enroll in this course after the completion of at least SPAN 201 or equivalent. <sup>For course options see academic advisor,</sup>
  - d. This requirement may be satisfied by an approved study abroad program, an international internship, or a directed study experience in a Spanish-speaking country.

→ BIMS 485<sup>e</sup>

e. This course is a specific section of 485 that requires shadowing in the biomedical environment while using the Spanish language.

## Nixon, Brandi

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**From:** Rosalinda Aregullin <aregullin@tamu.edu>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 09, 2014 11:45 AM  
**To:** Nixon, Brandi; Crouch, Elizabeth  
**Cc:** Arizpe, Victor  
**Subject:** Re: Request for a Change in Curriculum (Spanish Certificate)

Dear Brandi: Please proceed as planned. The changes in the certificate requirements are so much better and clearer now.

*Respectfully,*

*Rosalinda*

*Dr. Rosalinda Aregullin-Valdez*  
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**From:** <Nixon>, Brandi Nixon <[BNixon@cvm.tamu.edu](mailto:BNixon@cvm.tamu.edu)>  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 7, 2014 at 4:01 PM  
**To:** College of Liberal Arts <[aregullin@tamu.edu](mailto:aregullin@tamu.edu)>  
**Cc:** Elizabeth Crouch <[ECrouch@cvm.tamu.edu](mailto:ECrouch@cvm.tamu.edu)>  
**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.

### Brandi Nixon

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