ACADEMIC ALERT #2010-13

DATE: **July 2010**

DECISION: **College of Arts and Sciences (CAS)**

New Concentration in Spanish Language
Currently this concentration is approved for students in the following programs:
B.A. Applied Behavioral Sciences
B.A. Human Services
B.A. Political Science
B.A. Psychology
B.A. Social Science

This concentration fulfills general education and elective credit for existing degree programs. The concentration is not a standalone degree or program and the concentration cannot be advertised to students outside of the above programs.

RATIONALE: For students entering or moving up in careers, faculty believe there is value in the ability to communicate in Spanish. A concentration in Spanish is designed to provide students with first-year Spanish skills. The concentration was developed for undergraduate students who are interested in learning to communicate in Spanish and need several additional courses to complete the 180 QH for the degree.

APPROVAL(S): Senate Academic Planning Committee, February 18, 2010
Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE), July, 2010

Current Program Authorizations: The Concentration in Spanish Language is offered only with the above approved programs in locations where those programs are approved to be offered, and online. The B.A. in ABS, Human Services, Political Science, Psychology and Social Science are authorized by the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) to be offered in NLU's four home campus Illinois Regions: Chicago; North Suburban; South Metropolitan and West Suburban. In addition the ABS is authorized to be offered in these Illinois regions: Fox Valley; and Western. In addition, the B.A. Human Services is offered in this Illinois region: Fox Valley.

IMPLEMENTATION DATE: Summer Term, 2010

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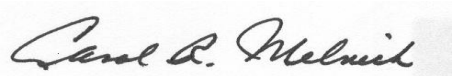

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Spanish Language Concentration Curriculum 15QH

All courses in the Spanish Language Concentration can be offered either online or face-to-face in the classroom. Students may take one, two or all three courses listed for each concentration. Any NLU student can take these courses, **but in order for the concentration to be noted on the transcript**, **all three courses must be taken, and in conjunction with one of the 5 approved programs.**

Requirements for the Concentration

- A concentration in Spanish requires that at least two of the three courses in the concentration, SPAN110 and SPAN120, be taken at NLU.
- Students with prior knowledge of Spanish who wish to be placed in SPAN110 must undergo Spanish language assessment by the Department of Language Studies. This includes students who transfer the equivalent of SPAN100 from other institutions.
- Students must earn grade of C or better in each of the courses, including the transfer of the equivalent of SPAN100.
- The Department of Language Studies accepts all students in good standing at NLU who wish to complete the sequence.
- SPAN100, SPAN110, SPAN120 are approved for general education credit in the humanities area.

All of the courses count for credit in the Humanities area of General Education requirements. They are not open to native or heritage speakers of Spanish.

SPAN100 Spanish I 5QH
This course, the first in the three-course sequence, provides students with a sound base in listening, speaking, reading, and writing in Spanish at the elementary level. Instruction is delivered primarily in Spanish. Sociocultural situations such as greetings, family relationships, traditions, and likes and dislikes are explored. Course topics include descriptions, personal information, and daily activities.

SPAN110 Spanish II 5QH
In this course, the second in the three-course sequence, students continue to build their foundation in listening, speaking, reading, and writing in Spanish at the elementary level. Instruction is delivered primarily in Spanish. Students explore sociocultural situations such as the home and community, and employment and careers. Course topics include personal past experiences.

SPAN120 Spanish III 5QH
In this course, the final in the three-course sequence, students complete their studies in Spanish at the elementary level. Students continue to strengthen their language skills in reading, writing, listening and speaking Spanish. Instruction is delivered primarily in Spanish. With more in-depth use of authentic materials, emphasis is on application of the language in various socio-cultural situations such as the exploration of childhood and youth, history, travel, and the environment. Cuisine, geography, transportation, climate, ecology, and health are among course topics.

Implementation
Changes need to be entered in Banner, CAPP and/or NLU web pages as appropriate.

The Office of Admission and Records (OAR), and staff in Enrollment, Recruitment, and Marketing need to be knowledgeable about the changes.

The revised catalog copy will be written and submitted to the Vice Provost and Assistant Registrar for Schedules and Catalogs to ensure that catalog copy is prepared and ready for the next catalog, 2011-2012.