

HISPANIC STUDIES FACULTY ADVISING PLAN

Approved by the faculty on February 25, 2009

The professional advisor assigned to our department by the College of Arts and Sciences is charged with advising Spanish majors and IS-FLIE- Spanish on requirements, course selection and registration, and career planning. Faculty in Hispanic Studies continue to provide advice, recommendations, and counsel to all students enrolled in Spanish courses, including those majoring in Spanish.

A. *The department considers it essential for faculty to maintain contact with majors and non-majors in matters related to Elementary Language Instruction, Course Equivalencies, Education Abroad, Internships, Career Planning, Honors Theses, and Independent Studies, which require faculty expertise:*

<u>Topic</u>	<u>Faculty members responsible</u>
<i>Language and Curricular Expertise:</i>	
• Language Instruction	Director of E.L.I. and Language Coordinator
• Curricular Planning	Faculty supervisors of multi-section courses
• Course Equivalencies	Language Coordinator for SPA 101-203; DUS for 210/211 and for 300 & 400-level
<i>Career Planning and Internationalization:</i>	
• Career Planning	All faculty
• Education Abroad	DUS
• Internships (IS-Spanish FLIE)	DUS or designated faculty member
<i>Student Research Direction:</i>	
• Honors Theses	Chair /DUS directs students to specific faculty
• Independent Studies	Chair /DUS directs students to specific faculty

B. *The Department offers opportunities for increased contact between undergraduate students and faculty through the following:*

- a. Our campus chapter of **Sigma Delta Pi**, the only honor society devoted exclusively to students of Spanish in four-year colleges and universities, and the largest foreign-language honor society in existence, bestows membership annually to reward outstanding students of Spanish, to encourage them to remain in the department, and to take advanced courses in Spanish. Sigma Delta Pi also offers a scholarship program with undergraduate awards for summer study in Spanish-speaking countries and free career services (sigmadeltapi.experience.com). Foremost, it encourages exceptional academic achievement in Hispanic Studies. Our chapter is very active and promotes

cultural activities on Hispanic themes that attract students, faculty, and visitors to the department's instructional program. Membership strengthens one's application for a position in any professional field. Election to Sigma Delta Pi affords the serious Spanish student the opportunity for close association with members of the faculty.

- b. A newly developed **Honors Program in Hispanic Studies** (approved F08 and scheduled for implementation F09), a sequence that allows students to complete research under the supervision of a faculty member.
 - c. The faculty member who supervises SPA 302 **Business Spanish** invites guest speakers from U.S. companies that have an international division to give informative presentations describing internships and other career opportunities. These events are designed for our business Spanish students, yet all interested parties/students/advisors are also welcome.
 - d. SPA 480 **Hispanic Kentucky**, a Service Learning course that introduces students to the many opportunities for bilingual professionals in the Central Kentucky area.
 - e. An **Award Ceremony** at the end of each academic year for students, staff, and faculty, in which the department recognizes the accomplishments of undergraduate students.
 - f. **Hecho en Casa** (Home-Made), an annual reading of creative writing by graduate students and faculty, which takes place every Fall. Undergraduate students are invited to attend and it is open to the public.
 - g. **Film Series** and special film events designed for undergraduate students taking courses in Spanish and/or Latin American Film Studies.
 - h. **Jornadas Series**, where distinguished alumni are invited to give a formal lecture and meet with faculty and students to discuss their research and the nature of the profession.
 - i. The **Kentucky Foreign Language Conference**, a major annual event in the field that takes place in April, includes the participation of upper undergraduate students.
 - j. **Sonorísima**, an annual fall event involving performances by faculty, graduate and undergraduate students (music, song, dance, poetry recitation, dramatic performance).
 - k. **Flyers and brochures with course descriptions**, created each semester to highlight recurring and new courses.
- c: Abby Hollander, Academic Adviser for Arts & Sciences