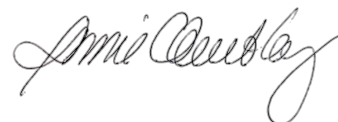


UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULUM CHANGE MEMO

Date: October 20, 2023

From: Raquel Gonzalez de Anda 

Through: Annie Tremblay, Chair of Latin-US and Linguistics



Through: Anadeli Bencomo, Dean of Liberal Arts

To: Selfa Chew-Melendez, Curriculum Committee Chair

Proposal Title: Linguistics Minor Changes

We propose to make some changes to the minor in Linguistics. The rationale to make these changes are the same as those that motivated the proposed changes to the Linguistics major. As stated in the Linguistics Major Changes Memo:

“The program has undergone several changes related to faculty retirement and hire of new faculty. With all current TT professors in the department specializing in different aspects of bilingualism, a title change needs to be implemented to show the greater focus on bilingualism and a lesser focus on theoretical linguistics. This refocusing will better reflect the expertise of the current Linguistics faculty, address the needs of UTEP students (thus increasing enrollment), and meet the strategic goal of the University to be one of the leading American institutions in research on bilingualism.”

For the minor in Linguistics, we propose the following:

- changing the name from ‘Minor in Linguistics’ to ‘Minor in Linguistics and Bilingualism’ to reflect the shift towards bilingualism in the focus of the program and
- adding two more courses as options for students to complete the core of the minor. These two additional courses (LING 3357-Sociolinguistics and Bilingualism, and LING 4348-Second Language Acquisition) have a focus on bilingualism and are part of the proposed core of the Linguistics major. See Ling minor degree plan form attached.

Degree Plan Changes from Catalog Form

Required Courses:

- [LING 2320](#)An Intro. to Linguistics
- [LING 3301](#)Phonology OR
- [LING 3302](#)Syntax OR
- [LING 3357 Sociolinguistics and Bilingualism OR](#)
- [LING 4348 – Second Language Acquisition](#)

LING Electives:Select twelve additional hours of upper-division LING:12

- [LING 2322](#) The Acad. Vocab. of English
- [LING 3301](#) Phonology
- [LING 3302](#) Syntax
- [LING 3307](#) English Phonetics & Phonology
- [LING 3308](#) Second Language Teaching
- [LING 3309](#) Structure of Spanish
- [LING 3311](#) Spanish Phonetics & Phonology
- [LING 3312](#) Pedagogical Issues in Spanish
- [LING 3313](#) English Historical Linguistics
- [LING 3314](#) Struct Engl for Lang Professnl
- [LING 3315](#) History of Spanish Language
- [LING 3316 Spanish in the US](#)
- [LING 3357](#) Sociolinguistics and Bilingualism

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[LING 4306](#) ~~Child~~ Language Acquisition

[LING 4316](#) Language and Cognition

[LING 4348](#) Second Lang~~uage~~ Acquisition~~tion~~

[LING 4371](#) Studies in Linguistics

Total Hours18

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Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

Existing Degree Program Title Change Request

Directions: Complete this form to request a change to the title (name) of an existing degree program. The degree program must already be on an institution's program inventory. A degree program title consists of the following two parts:

- 1) degree designation, such as Bachelor of Science (BS), Master of Arts (MA), or Doctor of Philosophy (PhD); and,
- 2) name of the discipline, such as History, Mechanical Engineering, or Zoology.

NOTE: This form requires the signature of the Provost or Chief Academic Officer.

Submit the *Degree Program Title Change Request* via the Online Submission Portal:

<https://www1.thecb.state.tx.us/apps/proposals/>

Information: Contact the Division of Academic Quality and Workforce at 512/427-6200.

Administrative Information

1. **Institution:** University of Texas at El Paso

2. **Current Degree Program Title** – *Show how the program appears on the Coordinating Board's approval letter (e.g., Bachelor of Business Administration degree with a major in Accounting):*
Minor in Linguistics

3. **Degree Program CIP Code:** 160102

4. **Contact Person:** *Provide contact information for the person who can answer specific questions about the degree program.*

Name: Dr. Annie Tremblay

Title: Professor, Department on Latin-US and Linguistics chair

E-mail: actremblay@utep.edu

Phone: 915-747-6803

Request for Change in Degree Program Designation (e.g., Bachelor of Science (BS), Master of Arts (MA), or Doctor of Philosophy (PhD))

Current Degree Program Designation:

Proposed Degree Program Designation:

Implementation Date (MM/DD/YYYY):

Reason for Change:

Describe why this change would be beneficial to students and/or the degree program.

Request Change in Name of Discipline (e.g., History, Mechanical Engineering, or Zoology)

Current Name: Minor in Linguistics

Proposed Name: Minor in Linguistics and Bilingualism

Implementation Date (MM/DD/YYYY): Fall 2024

Reason for Change:

Describe why this change would be beneficial to students and/or the program.

The program has undergone several changes related to faculty retirement and hire of new faculty. With all current TT professors in the department specializing in different aspects of bilingualism, a title change needs to be implemented to show the greater focus on bilingualism and a lesser focus on theoretical linguistics. This refocusing will better reflect the expertise of the current Linguistics faculty, address the needs of UTEP students (thus increasing enrollment), and meet the strategic goal of the University to be one of the leading American institutions in research on bilingualism.

In addition, we believe that adding the word 'bilingualism' to the name of the major will attract students, which will help us increase the number of minors in our program. Most students are unaware of what linguistics is, and that has always been a challenge when it comes to recruiting.

Signature of Compliance

I hereby certify that all of the above changes have been approved in accordance with the procedures required by my institution, system office, and Board of Regents, as applicable.

Provost/Chief Academic Officer

Date

CURRICULUM PROPOSAL

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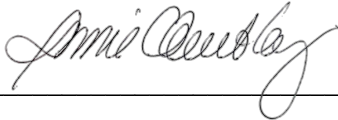
Proposal Title: Minor in Linguistics and Bilingualism

College: Liberal Arts

Department: Latin-US and Linguistics

DEPARTMENT CHAIR- Dr. Annie Tremblay

I have read the enclosed proposal and approve this proposal on behalf of the department.



10/23/2023

Signature

Date

COLLEGE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE CHAIR – Dr. Selfa Chew-Melendez

I have read the enclosed documents and approve the proposal on behalf of the college curriculum committee.

Signature

Date

COLLEGE DEAN – Dr. Anadeli Bencomo

I have read the enclosed documents and approve the proposal on behalf of the college. I certify that the necessary funds will be allocated by the college in support of this proposal.

Signature

Date