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| **Assurance of Student Learning Report**  **2023-2024** | | |
| PCAL | | Modern Languages |
| Spanish 778 | | |
| Melissa Stewart | | |
| ***Is this an online program***?  Yes  No | Please make sure the Program Learning Outcomes listed match those in CourseLeaf . Indicate verification here  Yes, they match! (If they don’t match, explain on this page under **Assessment Cycle)** | |

**\*\*\* Please include Curriculum Map as part of this document (at the end), NOT as a separate file.**

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| ***Use this page to list learning outcomes, measurements, and summarize results for your program. Detailed information must be completed in the subsequent pages. Add more Outcomes as needed.*** | | | |
| **Program Student Learning Outcome 1:** Students will demonstrate the ability to analyze a literary text in Spanish by writing an analytical essay in Spanish. | | | |
| **Instrument 1** | Analytical essay in SPAN 374 or 376 | | |
| **Instrument 2** |  | | |
| **Based on your results, check whether the program met the goal Student Learning Outcome 1.** | | **Met** | **Not Met** |
| **Program Student Learning Outcome 2:**  Students will demonstrate oral and written competence in the target language. | | | |
| **Instrument 1** | SPAN 370 STAMP test – speaking and writing sections | | |
| **Instrument 2** | SPAN 470 final oral interviews | | |
| **Instrument 3** | Exit exam STAMP test - speaking and writing sections | | |
| **Based on your results, check whether the program met the goal Student Learning Outcome 2.** | | **Met** | **Not Met** |
| **Program Student Learning Outcome 3:**  Students will demonstrate the ability to express their ideas about relevant cultural topics in the Hispanic world. | | | |
| **Instrument 1** | SPAN 331 & 345 oral tasks; SPAN 372 & 373 presentations | | |
| **Instrument 2** |  | | |
| **Based on your results, check whether the program met the goal Student Learning Outcome 3.** | | **Met** | **Not Met** |
| **Assessment Cycle Plan:** | | | |
| Nothing will change in terms of the timeline. All three SLOs will continue to be assessed each year. | | | |

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| **Program Student Learning Outcome 1** | | | | | |
| **Program Student Learning Outcome** | Students will demonstrate the ability to analyze a literary text in Spanish by writing an analytical essay in Spanish. | | | | |
| **Measurement Instrument 1** | Students complete an analytical essay in SPAN 374 or 376 | | | | |
| **Criteria for Student Success** | A score of 70% or better on the essay (score based on rubric) | | | | |
| **Program Success Target for this Measurement** | | 80% of students in each literature class will earn a 70% or better. | **Percent of Program Achieving Target** | SPAN 374 100 %  SPAN 376 90% | |
| **Methods** | Content, analysis, organization, language use and grammar, vocabulary, and MLA format are all evaluated. All the students in SPAN 374 (9 students) and SPAN 376 (10 students) completed an analytical essay. Dr. Stewart evaluated the essays in her SPAN 374 course and Dr. Lenk evaluated the essays in her SPAN 376 course, using the attached rubrics. | | | | |
| **Based on your results, highlight whether the program met the goal Student Learning Outcome 1.** | | | | **Met** | **Not Met** |
| **Results, Conclusion, and Plans for Next Assessment Cycle (Describe what worked, what didn’t, and plan going forward)** | | | | | |
| The results were in line with what they have been in past years.  We plan to continue to use this tool, as it is effective and provides a representative sample of our majors, since they must take one of the literature courses, but very rarely take both. | | | | | |

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| **Program Student Learning Outcome 2** | | | | | | | |
| **Program Student Learning Outcome** | Students will demonstrate oral and written competence in the target language. | | | | | | |
| **Measurement Instrument 1** | SPAN 370 STAMP test – speaking and writing sections | | | | | | |
| **Criteria for Student Success** | The goal is for students to achieve intermediate mid proficiency (a composite score of 5 or better) on the speaking and writing sections of STAMP test in SPAN 370. | | | | | | |
| **Program Success Target for this Measurement** | | | 80% | | **Percent of Program Achieving Target** | 75% | |
| **Methods** | The STAMP test was taken before the end of SPAN 370 in fall 2023 (9 students) and spring 2024 (5 students) and administered by DELO Testing Center at WKU. | | | | | | |
| **Measurement Instrument 2** | SPAN 470 final oral interviews | | | | | | |
| **Criteria for Student Success** | Based on a rubric that includes evaluation of functions, text type, and comprehensibility, the goal is for students to earn a score of 85% or better. | | | | | | |
| **Program Success Target for this Measurement** | | 80% | | **Percent of Program Achieving Target** | | 100% | |
| **Methods** | As part of this course, all students are assessed in a final oral interview. They also complete a self-assessment at the beginning and end of the semester. Dr. Stewart, the professor who taught SPAN 470, assessed the final oral interviews (Fall 2023, 12 students) using the attached rubric. | | | | | | |
| **Measurement Instrument 3** | EXIT EXAM: Graduating Spanish majors take the STAMP test, including speaking and writing sections. | | | | | | |
| **Criteria for Student Success** | The goal is for students to achieve intermediate high proficiency (a score of 6 or better) on the speaking and writing sections of the STAMP test. | | | | | | |
| **Program Success Target for this Measurement** | | At least 80% of Spanish majors will obtain a rating of Intermediate high (6 or better) in the speaking and writing parts. | | **Percent of Program Achieving Target** | | 87% | |
| **Methods** | In fall 2023, 3 students took the exit exam. In spring 2024, 19 students took the exit exam. The STAMP test was administered by DELO Testing Center at WKU. | | | | | | |
| **Based on your results, circle or highlight whether the program met the goal Student Learning Outcome 2.** | | | | | | **Met** | **Not Met** |
| **Results, Conclusion, and Plans for Next Assessment Cycle (Describe what worked, what didn’t, and plan going forward)** | | | | | | | |
| Since two of the three measures met their targets fully, and the difference for the third measure was just 5%, we deem the target for this SLO to be met. The graduating seniors surpassed the success target for the program by a healthy margin. Some observations about the 370 results: 3 of those who didn’t score 5 in both areas had a composite score of 4.5, indicating that in either speaking or writing they did score a 5; a number of them had high scores in reading as well. Changes have been made in some courses to further emphasize oral skill development and moving forward we will continue to evaluate ways to support those few who are falling below the mark.  Although using a standardized test has certain limitations, it seems to be the most effective way to: 1) show students what they can do with their language skills, assess their proficiency level, and allow them to set goals for the future in the four skills of reading, writing, listening, and speaking, and 2) implement appropriate activities to foster improved proficiency language learning outcomes in our Spanish program. The Dept. of Modern Languages has been able to finance these exams thus far, but additional funding may be needed, either through a course fee for SPAN 370 and a program fee to cover the exit exams or with funding from the College.  For the first time, we were able to compare STAMP scores of 16 graduating seniors with their 370 STAMP scores. Making significant improvement in speaking and writing on this proficiency scale is challenging. The results are very encouraging, as 69% improved. Of this group, 6 (38%) scored at least 1 point higher on either writing or speaking, 5 (31%) scored at least 1 point higher on both writing and speaking, with 1 scoring 2 points higher on writing, while 5 had no change (31%). Of those 5, 4 did not participate in study abroad. We anticipate discussion of this new data in the future, as we study trends and look at individual cases. | | | | | | | |

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| **Program Student Learning Outcome 3** | | | | | |
| **Program Student Learning Outcome** | Students will demonstrate the ability to express their ideas about relevant cultural topics in the Hispanic world. | | | | |
| **Measurement Instrument 1** | SPAN 331 & 345 oral tasks; SPAN 372 & 373 presentations on contemporary cultural topics | | | | |
| **Criteria for Student Success** | A score of 75% on the task or presentation | | | | |
| **Program Success Target for this Measurement** | | 80% of the students in SPAN 331, 345, 372, 373 earn a score of 75% or better on the task or presentation. | **Percent of Program Achieving Target** | SPAN 331 100%. SPAN 373 100%  SPAN 345 Fall 100% SPAN 345 Spring 100%  SPAN 372 100% | |
| **Methods** | Presentations and oral tasks are evaluated with class-specific rubrics that take into account expression of ideas and content. The level and content will vary according to the class. The professor teaching the course assessed the the task or presentation: in SPAN 331, Dr. Pertusa (spring 2024, 11 students); in SPAN 345, Dr. Lenk (fall 2023, 9 students) (spring 2024, 16 students); in SPAN 372, Dr. Lenk (spring 2024, 15 students); and in SPAN 373, Dr. Stewart (fall 2023, 9 students). | | | | |
| **Based on your results, circle or highlight whether the program met the goal Student Learning Outcome 3.** | | | | **Met** | **Not Met** |
| **Results, Conclusion, and Plans for Next Assessment Cycle (Describe what worked, what didn’t, and plan going forward)** | | | | | |
| As expected, our students met the assessment goal. We embrace the idea that language and culture are two sides of the same coin. Therefore, we believe our students need to develop their linguistic and cultural skills simultaneously because their cultural competence is as important for their communication skills as their linguistic competence. The cultural competence our students develop through their classes enables them to respect, communicate, and collaborate with diverse groups in their personal and professional worlds.  We feel that the method of measurement for this SLO is effective and provides a representative sample of our majors, since they must take one of the civilization and culture courses, but very rarely take both. In addition, we now offer a section of 345 (special topics) each semester with good enrollments, so a number of majors take these courses, in some cases as an elective and in others as an option for a required course in the concentration. Including SPAN 331 allows us to see how students who are generally just getting in to the intermediate courses are doing with this SLO. | | | | | |

