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MEMORANDUM:

TO: Dr. Jerome Haky
Chair, University Undergraduate Programs Committee (UUPC)

FROM: Dr. Mary Ann Gosser
Chair, University Honors Council (UHC) 

DATE: 30 September 2013

RE: Proposal for Honors in the Major in the Languages, Linguistics, and Comparative Literature Department

As per the Honors Curriculum Manual, the proposal had been submitted to the Arts and Letters Undergraduate Programs Committee (Spring 2012) seeking to re-activate the Honors in the Major program in compliance with the manual's revised version (November 2011). The proposal was then sent to the UHC last fall and was sent back with recommendations to the Department for further revisions.

At its 17 September 2013, the UHC approved the revisions to the Honors in the Major proposal submitted by the Department of Languages, Linguistics, and Comparative Literature (LLCL).

We are now asking the UUPC to consider this revised program and give its approval.

Honors in the following areas: French, Linguistics, Spanish, Languages and Linguistics: Italian

Entry requirements:

Majors in LLCL who meet the following criteria will be eligible to pursue honors in French, Linguistics, Spanish, or Languages and Linguistics: Italian

- 1) Student has already completed at least 9 upper-division credits in the major, including FOL 3880, but fewer than 100 credits toward the degree
- 2) Student has earned a minimum overall GPA of 3.2
- 3) Student has earned a minimum overall GPA of 3.5 in the major

To be considered for admission to the Honors-in-the-Major Program in LLCL, students meeting all of the above criteria may submit: a) a one-page abstract (250 words) outlining the proposed thesis topic; b) an annotated bibliography of the five most relevant sources related to the topic; c) a one-page statement detailing why the student seeks honors in the major; d) the revised final paper of FOL 3880; e) a letter of support from at least one member of the department faculty with a terminal degree who will serve as a mentor; and f) a completed application form.*

These documents must be submitted to the Department Chair, preferably no later than three semesters before the student expects to graduate.

Admission to Honors-in-the-Major Program:

- 1) A committee will review the application and make a recommendation to admit and determine a plan of study.
- 2) The student will receive confirmation in writing from the Department Chair.
- 3) Admission to the Honors Program is limited to 20% of students with this major.

Standards for maintaining active status:

- 1) Student must maintain an overall 3.2 GPA and a 3.5 GPA in the major.
- 2) Student must complete all field distribution requirements of the respective major.
- 3) Student must abide by the Code of Academic Integrity.
- 4) Student may be placed on probation in the Honors in the major program for one semester if overall GPA and/or major GPA is not maintained; if required minimum GPA and/or major GPA is not reestablished after the probationary semester, the student will be dismissed from the program.

Honors Level Enrichment:

Honors level enrichment is achieved through successful completion of any two of the following:

- 1) Completion of an upper-division course enhanced by Academic Service-Learning linked to a community organization dealing, whenever possible, with the student's research interest
- 2) Participation on a study abroad program—in which the student is enrolled full-time and for the full duration of the academic term—with a follow-up public presentation of their experience also required
- 3) Service to the faculty leader of our Global Connections Living Learning Community for 3 common-hour activities
- 4) Service as an active officer in one of the Honor Societies
- 5) Service as a tutor in the SI program (in one of the disciplines represented in our department)
- 6) Participation in *Florida Atlantic University's Undergraduate Research Journal* (e.g., service on board; paper submission)

Capstone Requirements:

In addition to honors level enrichment activities, successful completion of the following capstone elements is also required:

- 1) Complete with a grade of B+ or higher an advanced seminar in the area of research interest of the student. This course will fulfill one of the three electives required of the major.
- 2) Complete an honors thesis, supervised by the mentor and reviewed by a second reader (3 credits above the major's requirements).
- 3) Submit research findings to the Undergraduate Research Symposium.

* Application form attached for perusal.



**Application for Languages, Linguistics, and Comparative Literature
Undergraduate Research Honors Program:
French, Linguistics, Spanish, or Languages & Linguistics: Italian**

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Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Telephone: _____

Membership in professional and honor societies; honors and awards:

FAU Faculty Mentor: All applicants **MUST** have an FAU faculty mentor with a terminal degree in the discipline before being admitted into our honors in the major program. Contact the professors directly to see if they are taking new students. **You must request a letter of support from this faculty member.**

Name of FAU Faculty Mentor: _____

For your application to be considered, you must submit the following items by the deadline:

- 1) one-page abstract (250 words) outlining proposed thesis topic
- 2) an annotated bibliography of the five most relevant sources related to the topic
- 3) a one-page statement detailing why are you seek honors in the major
- 4) revised final version of the FOL 3880 research paper
- 5) letter of support from a faculty member of the department willing to serve as your mentor
- 6) this application form

DEADLINE FOR COMPLETED APPLICATIONS: preferably mid-semester of your junior year

I certify that the information given is complete and accurate. Should any information I have given change prior to my entry to the Honors Program, I will immediately notify the Chair of the Department.

Signature

Date

Send all application materials to:
Chair, Department of Languages, Linguistics, and Comparative Literature
777 Glades Road, CU-97, Suite 232J
Boca Raton, FL 33431-0991

Honors in the Major Revision for Languages, Linguistics, and Comparative Literature

Approved by:

Department Chair: [Signature]
College Curriculum Chair: [Signature]
College Dean: Heather Coltrane
UUPC Chair: RE My
Undergraduate Studies Dean: [Signature]
UFS President: _____
Provost: _____

Date:

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