Colorado State University – Pueblo

Undergraduate Program Assessment Report for AY 2010-2011

Program: SPANISH MAJOR

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I. Program student learning outcomes (SLOs) assessed in this cycle, processes, results, and recommendations.

A. Which of the	B. When	C. What	D. Who	E. What is the	F. What	G. What were the	H. What
program SLOs	was this	method	was	expected	were the	department's	changes/improvements
were assessed	SLO last	was used	assessed?	achievement level	results of	conclusions about	are planned based on
during this cycle?	assessed?	for		and how many	the	student	this assessment?
		assessing		students should	assessment?	performance?	
		the SLO?		be at it?			
COMMUNICATION	2011/12	OPI (Oral	GRAD.	85% Should score	OPI:	Students who	For oral component:
		Proficiency	SENIORS	Intermediate High	Superior = 3	didn't reach the	
		Interview)	2011/12	or higher	Adv. High=3	goal are second	1. Stronger Oral
			(15 OPIS)		Adv. Mid=3	language learners.	Component at all course
					Adv. Low-0	Though we almost	levels. Add oral tasks in
					Int. High= 3	reached our target,	class based on ACTFL
					Int. Mid=3	we can do better	(American Council on the
					Int. Low= 0	for our second	Teaching of Foreign
						language learners.	Languages) Int. High
					80%		levels.
					reached the		
					goal.		2. Increase outside class

STUDENT PORTFOL.	SENIORS 2010/11 (13 PORT.)	85% Should score Advanced Mid or Higher	Superior = 5 Adv. High=3 Adv. Mid=1 Adv. Low-4 Int. High= 0 Int. Mid=0 Int. Low= 0 69% reached the	This causes concern. The issue that lowered the scores was student's inability to construct good paragraphs which is an Adv. Mid. skill.	opportunities for Oral Practice. 3. Have instructors participate in professional development so they teach for oral proficiency.
WRITTEN PROFICIEN CY TEST (WPT)	SENIORS 2010/11 2011/12 (29 WPT)	85% Should score Intermediate High or Higher	goal. Superior = 5 Adv. High=8 Adv. Mid=4 Adv. Low-0 Int. High= 5 Int. Mid=4 Int. Low= 3 75.8% reached the goal.	The most common issue for students not achieving Int. High level was their inability to construct paragraphs. Also inconsistency in accuracy when narrating time frames	 4. Conduct an Oral Proficiency Interview in Mid – track (beginning of fifth semester) in order to have time to correct. For written component: 1. More opportunities for students to narrate in time frames and deal with paragraph
GRAD SURV	SENIORS 2011/12 (15 SURV)	SENIOR SURVEY: 85% should "agree" or "agree strongly" to all questions pertaining to Communication.	SURVEY: 100% agreed or agreed strongly.	It is good to see that students' perception is strong in this measure.	 construction at 200, 300 and 400 level. 2. Increase the amount of readings that present argumentations, expositions etc so students get strong input.

CULTURE	2011/12	STUDENT PORTFOL.	SENIORS 2010/11 (13 PORT.)	85% should score "well" or "very well" on question #1	100% did well or very well	This is a strong measure.	1. Continue with cultural approaches at every level.
		WRITTEN PROFICIEN CY TEST (WPT) GRAD	SENIORS 2010/11 2011/12 (29 WPT) SENIORS	85% should score "well" or "very well" on question #1 85% should	96.5 did "well" or "very well" SURVEY:	Though we reached the goal, we should shoot for 100% This area is strong.	2. Help students express themselves better in written form. They may know about culture but they also need to
		SURV	2011/12 (15 SURV)	"agree" or "agree strongly" to all questions pertaining to	100% agreed or agreed strongly.		transmit that knowledge into written form. 3. Continue with our
				Communication.	strongry.		focus on culture through interdisciplinary classes.
							4. Continue to offer more cultural activities outside class.
CONNECTIONS	2011/12	STUDENT PORTFOL.	SENIORS 2010/11 (13 PORT.)	85% should score "well" or "very well" on question #2	100% did "well" or "very well"	This area is strong.	 Continue our focus on multidisciplinary approaches.
		WRITTEN PROFICIEN CY TEST (WPT)	SENIORS 2010/11 2011/12 (29 WPT)	85% should score "well" or "very well" on question #2	79.31% did "well" or "very well"	We can do better. This is no only a knowledge problem but one of communication.	2. Being explicit about the connections students can make through their interdisciplinary courses.
		GRAD SURV	SENIORS 2011/12 (15 SURV)	85% should "agree" or "agree strongly" to all questions pertaining to	93.3% agreed or agreed strongly	This area is strong but we can do even better.	3. Continue to offer our conversation/compositio ns courses as interdisciplinary courses that touch on various
				Communication.	7.7% disagreed.		subject areas where SPN can be practiced.

							 4. Propose a "special topics" 300 level conversation/compositio n course in order to explore new themes. 5. Offer broader course titles and content. Thematically organized courses 6. Promote FL 370 as service learning and field experience that connects Spanish learning with other subject areas. 7. Make students aware of the connections they are making.
COMPARISONS	2011/12	STUDENT PORTFOL.	SENIORS 2010/11 (13 PORT.)	85% should score "well" or "very well" on question #3	Of the four applicable portfolios, 100% did "well" or "very well"	Strong outcome	 Continue fostering comparisons in culture, language, etc. inside and outside class. Conversation/Composit
		WRITTEN PROFICIEN CY TEST (WPT)	SENIORS 2010/11 2011/12 (28 WPT)	85% should score "well" or "very well" on question #3	69.9% did "well" or very well"	We need to do better.	ion courses need to have at least one paper where students do a comparison/contrast.
		GRAD SURV	SENIORS 2011/12 (15 SURV)	85% should "agree" or "agree strongly" to all questions pertaining to Communication.	100% agreed or agreed strongly.	Strong outcome	This will help practice this skill.

COMMUNITIES	2011/12	GRAD SURV	GRAD. SENIORS 2009/10 2010/11 24 surveys	GRADUATE SURVEY: Students should "Agree" or "Strongly Agree" to the question that pertains to communities. Minimum percentage of students reaching this goal should be 85%	SURVEY: 100% agreed or agreed strongly.	Strong outcome	 Continue extending learning experiences from the classroom to the home and multilingual and multicultural community. Continue creating opportunities where students use SPN to become part of a larger community. Field trips; Internet; clubs, study- abroad programs, school- to-work opportunities, speakers of the target language Promote FL 370 as service learning and field experience that connects Spanish learning with other subject areas.
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Comments: For this assessment cycle we used all our measures. This has been very beneficial. All and proposed changes and improvements remain to be discussed with the whole faculty. These are preliminary observations by the Coordinator. Next year we will assess the following:

Spring/Summer 2012	Senior Surveys
	OPI (Oral Proficiency Interviews)
	WPT (Written Prof. Tests) (2010/11/12)
	Graduate Portfolios (2010/11/)
Spring/Summer 2013	Senior Surveys
	OPI (Oral Proficiency Interviews)
	WPT (Written Prof. Tests) (12/13)
	Graduate Portfolios (11/12/13)

B. Follow-up (closing the loop) on results and activities from previous assessment cycles. In this section, please describe actions taken during this cycle that were based on, or implemented to address, the results of assessment from previous cycles.

A. What SLO(s) did you address?	B. When was this SLO last	C. What were the recommendations for change	D. Were the recommendations for	E. What were the results of the changes? If the changes were not
	assessed?	from the previous assessment?	change acted upon? If not, why?	effective, what are the next steps or the new recommendations?
COMMUNICATION	Summ 11	 Preliminary proposal: 1. Stronger Oral Component at all course levels. Add oral tasks in class based on ACTFL IH levels. 2. Increase outside class opportunities for Oral Practice. 3. Have instructors participate in professional development. 	We reworked the oral components in SPN 101 and 102 Still need to work on incorporating more Intermediate High tasks at the two hundred level. We did increase outside class opportunities for Oral Practice through language circles. We had all lecturers participate in two major professional development conferences (ACTFL and CCFLT)	 We increased the target goal from 72% last year to 80% this year so there is improvement. More results remain to be seen as students climb up the ranks. For now the opportunities are in place. The Language Center is flourishing while providing more communicative activities. Our lecturers are becoming better trained in oral proficiency. Two of them even presented at a conference. I believe this translates to the classes.
CULTURE	Summ 11	Preliminary proposal: Continue with our focus on culture through interdisciplinary classes. Offer more cultural activities outside class	Our multidisciplinary courses continue strong. We are also offering more cultural activities outside class.	Our results on the surveys for this assessment cycle regarding "culture" are higher than last year's so this is encouraging. From 96.6 to 100%.

CONNECTIONS	Summ 11	Preliminary proposal:	We offered 4 different Conversation/Composition	Student's perception of the "connection" outcome climbed from
		Continue to offer our	Courses this year.	91.4% last year to 100% this year.
		conversation/compositions		
		courses as interdisciplinary courses that touch on various	We still need to work on more variety at the 400	We will continue to explore more class
		subject areas where SPN can be practiced. Offer broader	level.	options. Enrollment on FL 370 has doubled again for next year.
		course titles and content.	Our FL 370 enrollment	doubled ugain for next year.
		Thematically organized	doubled this year. Students	
		courses (Program Review	had opportunities to	
		advice. Point 2).	volunteer at orphanages and clinics, take part on	
		Promote FL 370 as service	cultural celebrations, work	
		learning and field experience	abroad as nannies and	
		that connects Spanish	reflect and write about it	
		learning with other subject areas.	critically.	
COMPARISONS	Summ 11	Preliminary proposal:	We have continued with all	Student evaluation of this outcome in
		Continue what we have been	this.	the Surveys continued at 100%
		Continue what we have been doing both with courses and		
		also with outside of class		
		experiences.		
COMMUNITIES	Sum 11	Preliminary proposal:	Yes on the syllabi	Strong results. Student evaluation of
		Extending learning		this outcome went from 87% last year to 100% this year.
		experiences from the	Our study abroad grew, as	
		classroom to the home and	did our FL 370 service	
		multilingual and multicultural	learning.	
		community. Create		
		opportunities where students use SPN to become part of a	Activities at the language center were at an all time	
		larger community. Field trips;	high.	
		Internet; clubs, study-abroad		
		programs, school-to-work		

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Comments: This year was a strong year for the program. The number of students reaching our target outcomes increased in all fields that were measured from last year to this year. This is very encouraging.

Now that we have integrated the other measures to the new assessment cycle, it has become obvious we will need to have students become better at expressing themselves in both oral and written form when they perform toward the outcomes. It will be exciting to see those outcomes next year.