NOTE: All gray text boxes must be completed (even if you just put N/A into them), otherwise the committee must consider the form incomplete.

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1. Department(s) or School(s): Hispanic Studies

2. Name of the minor/concentration/track: Spanish

3. Semester and year in which degree change(s) will go into effect: Fall 2010

4. Change(s) Desired (Note: if the change includes deleting courses from the inventory, a Delete Course form must also be completed for each course, the Curriculum Committee does not assume the responsibility to delete the course):
   Add Spanish 320 (Introduction to Hispanic Literature) to the minor requirement and reduce the requirement of two courses from 322, 323, 326, 327 and 329 to one course. All of these courses already exist and are currently offered regularly.

5. Justification for Change(s):
   Concerns regarding lower enrollments in recent semesters for Spanish 400-level courses prompted speculation about the impact of the minor requirement change effected in the fall of 2008 that had removed SPAN 320 and added an additional civilization and culture course (for a total of two civilization and culture courses required for the minor). In response to these concerns, a departmental subcommittee of three members was charged with examining enrollment trends and presenting a report to the HISP roster faculty for consideration. The report of the subcommittee was shared with roster faculty and discussed at our October 28 meeting with the following conclusions: 1) statistics indicate that indeed there is a direct correlation between the number of 320 sections offered and those at the 400-level, thereby suggesting that the minor requirement of 320 prompted more students to enroll in 400-level courses and that removing 320 as a requirement adversely impacted enrollment at the 400-level; 2) SPAN 320 already contains a significant culture component; 3) SPAN 320, as opposed to the devoted civilization and culture classes, offers more opportunities for student-professor engagement and discussion in the target language; 4) the Spanish minor change in the fall of 2008, although seemingly wise at the time, was a mistake that actually compromised the integrity of our minor program. Reintegrating Spanish 320 as a minor requirement will enhance our current program.
Finally, Introduction to Hispanic literature courses, such as our 320, are common components of Spanish major and minor curricula at institutions across the country, and our reintroducing it as a requirement for our minor will be in line with programs at many comparable institutions, including The Citadel.

6. Does the change include deleting or adding courses from other departments? If yes, what department/program? Please contact the department chair/program director and request a note or email that they are aware of the proposed change and include that note with the proposal. No.
6. Signature of Department Chair or Program Director:

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Date: ________________________

7. Signature of Dean of School:

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Date: ________________________

8. Signature of Provost:

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Date: ________________________

9. Signature of Curriculum Committee Chair:

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Date: ________________________

10. Signature of Faculty Senate Secretary:

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Date Approved by Senate: ________________________

Completed form should be sent by the Faculty Senate Secretary to the Registrar. After implementation, information concerning the passed course and program changes will be provided by the Registrar to all faculty and staff on campus.