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# Delta College Foreign Language Requirement

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Resolution # 11  
 2008-2009  
 College Senate

New Resolution: Yes  
 Supersedes Res #:

TO: Dr. John R. Halstead, College President

FROM: The College Senate: *February 16, 2009*

RE:  $\longrightarrow$  I. Formal Resolution (*Act of Determination*)  
 II. Recommendation (*Urging the Fitness of*)  
 III. Other, For Your Information (*Notice, Request, Report, etc.*)

SUBJ: **Delta College Foreign Language Requirement** (#15 08-09 UC)

Signed: *T. M. Rao* Date: 2/19/09  
 (*Thambrabullu M. Rao, 2008-09 College Senate President*)

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TO: T.M. Rao, The College Senate President

FROM: John R. Halstead, College President

RE:  $\longrightarrow$  I. Decision and Action Taken on Formal Resolution (circle choice)  
 a.  Accepted - Implementation Effective Date: Fall 2009  
 b. Deferred for discussion with the Faculty Senate on \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_  
 c. Unacceptable for the reasons contained in the attached explanation  
 II, III. Response to Recommendation or Other/FYI  
 a. Received and acknowledged \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_  
 b. Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: *J. R. Halstead* Date: 3/11/09  
 (*Dr. John R. Halstead, President, SUNY College at Brockport*)

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- Proposals must be prepared individually in Word format using committee guidelines (guidelines online).
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- Questions? Call the Senate office at 395-2586 or the appropriate committee chairperson.

1. **PROPOSAL TITLE:** Please be somewhat descriptive, ie. *Graduate Probation/Dismissal Proposal* rather than *Graduate Proposal*.

Delta College Foreign Language Requirement

2. **BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL:**

Reduce Delta College’s Foreign Language Requirement from 4 semesters to 3 semesters.

3. **HOW WILL THIS AFFECT TRANSFER STUDENTS:**

n/a

4. **ANTICIPATED EFFECTIVE DATE:**

Incoming class of 2009

4. **SUBMISSION & REVISION DATES:** PLEASE PUT A DATE ON ALL UPDATED DOCUMENTS TO AVOID CONFUSION.

<i>First Submission</i>	<i>Updated on</i>	<i>Updated on</i>	<i>Updated on</i>
10/22/08			

5. **SUBMITTED BY: (contact person)**

<i>Name</i>	<i>Department</i>	<i>Phone</i>	<i>Email</i>
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6. **COMMITTEES TO COPY: (Senate office use only)**

<b>Standing Committee</b>	<b>Forwarded To</b>	<b>Date</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Enrollment Planning & Policies	To Committee for approval	10/22/08
<input type="checkbox"/> Faculty & Professional Staff Policies	<b>Committee Chair Signs When Passed</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> General Education & Curriculum Policies *	To Executive Committee	01/26/09
<input type="checkbox"/> Graduate Curriculum & Policies	GED to Vice Provost	
<input type="checkbox"/> Student Policies	To Senate	2/2/09
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Undergraduate Curriculum & Policies	To College President	2/19/09
<small>*follow special Gen Ed procedures for submission of General Education proposals at "How to Submit Proposals" on our Website.</small>	REJECTED -WITHDRAWN	

\*\*Use routing number and title in all reference to this proposal.

We propose to change the Delta College Foreign Language requirement from four semesters to three semesters, which generally would consist of two semesters of one language (i.e. the 112 level) plus an additional class. The “additional class” could be an additional semester of a foreign language, a cultural enrichment course (to be approved by the Director), Delta College Spanish tutorials, (eg. SPN 201), or an international program in a non-English speaking country. This would bring the Delta College Foreign Language requirement more in line with The College at Brockport’s Foreign Language requirement, but slightly enhanced.

Despite this change to our program, some of our students will still be required to take four semesters of foreign by their majors (International Business, for example) or desired degree program (B.A).

We propose this change for a number of reasons, the most important reason of which is that the program and its students have changed. When Delta College was reconfigured in 1995, it was set up as a relatively small program, focused on global perspectives. Students were required to spend a semester overseas, prepared for with four semesters of foreign language. But now our program has grown, and more of our students are enrolled in densely-structured certification programs such as Nursing and Education. Nursing requires all general education requirements be met before entering the program, and students seeking educational certification have to complete a major in addition to the certification. In both programs it can be difficult for students to complete their programs within four years, without adding in a semester abroad and a longer language requirement than the College as a whole requires. Because of this some students have dropped out of Delta College solely because of the foreign language requirement. In addition, the program was originally set up with language tutorials specifically for Delta College students. The tutorial program was funded by a grant; so once that money was spent, funding for the tutorials dried up. The Spanish Tutorials are all that remain of this program.

While DARS audits Delta students for language at the 212 level, administration of the policy has been largely a manual process because of the optional ways to fulfill the requirement. We are comfortable continuing in this mode, therefore the only adjustment requested on DARS is replacement of the language “212” requirement with “211”.

# Delta College Program Proposed Language Requirement

## CURRENT STATE:

COLLEGE REQUIREMENT	ADDITIONAL DELTA REQUIREMENT	
(example: Spanish)		
SPN 112	SPN 211, SPN 212	or,
	"SPN 350" Placement test results	or,
	SPN 201 SPN 202 (Tutorials)	or,
	Alternatively, a student can pursue competency in a language different from the one fulfilling the primary requirement. In the example above where Spanish is primary, French could be the alternative.	
	FRN 111, FRN 112 (Different Language)	or,
	"FRN 211" Placement test results	

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## PROPOSED CHANGE:

COLLEGE REQUIREMENT (No Change)	ADDITIONAL DELTA REQUIREMENT	
(example: Spanish)		
SPN 112	SPN 211	or,
	"SPN 212" Placement test results	or,
	SPN 201 (Tutorial)	or,
	Alternatively, a student can pursue competency in a language different from the one fulfilling the primary requirement. In the example above where Spanish is primary, French could be the alternative.	
	FRN 111,	or,
	FRN 111 H.S. Regents results	or,
	"FRN 112" Placement test results	or,
	Additional option	
	3+ OAP credits in non-English-speaking country	or,
	Additional option: One Cultural Course:	
	FCE 201, FCE 375, FCE 420, other approved course	