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CURRICULUM PROPOSAL COVER SHEET
University-Wide Undergraduate Curriculum Committee

I. Title/Author of Change

Course/Program Title: College Foreign Language Requirement
Suggested 20 Character Course Title: _____
Department: Dean's Office: College of Natural Sciences & Mathematics
Contact Person: Dr. Anne Harris Katz

II. If a course, is it being Proposed for:

_____ Course Revision/Approval Only
_____ Course Revision/Approval and Liberal Studies Approval
_____ Liberal Studies Approval Only (course previously has been approved by the University Senate)

III. Approvals

_____ <u>NA</u> Department Curriculum Committee	_____ <u>NA</u> Department Chairperson
_____ <u>AHKatz</u> College Curriculum Committee	_____ <u>WJ Calh</u> College Dean *
_____ _____ Director of Liberal Studies (where applicable)	_____ _____ Provost (where applicable)

*College Dean must consult with Provost before approving curriculum changes. Approval by College Dean indicates that the proposed change is consistent with long range planning documents, that all requests for resources made as part of the proposal can be met, and that the proposal has the support of the university administration.

IV. Timetable

Date Submitted to LSC: _____	Semester to be implemented: _____	Date to be published in Catalog: _____
to UWUCC: _____		

Part II. Description of Curriculum Change

The current undergraduate catalog (1990-91) describes on page 88 the foreign language requirement for the College of Natural Sciences & Mathematics. That description is the following.

A candidate for a Bachelor of Arts or a Bachelor of Science degree must demonstrate a proficiency in a foreign language equivalent to that attained upon completion of two years of college instruction in that language. This requirement may be met by

- a. successful completion of two semesters at the second year level in a specific language; or
- b. successful completion of an exemption or credit examination in lieu of the above.

The foreign language requirement currently may be met through work in French, German, Greek, Latin or Spanish.

Any foreign student, registered as such at IUP, whose acquired native language is other than English and who demonstrates an acceptable proficiency in English, is exempt from the foreign language requirement for a Natural Sciences & Mathematics degree if the department he/she is majoring in does not require a specific language not thus covered.

The curriculum change proposed by the Dean's office of the College of Natural Sciences & Mathematics, after consultation with chairs of all of its departments, is the following.

The foreign language requirement as currently stated for the College will be moved from the administrative jurisdiction of the Dean's office of the College into each individual departmental office, and the office of the Coordinator of the Natural Science program. Curriculum decisions are traditionally in the purview of the faculty. It is, therefore, appropriate for the foreign language requirement, a curriculum matter, also to be in the administrative unit most closely related to faculty -that of a department.

By moving the foreign language requirement into the individual departments students majoring in these departments are permitted the usual number of bureaucratic layers for oversight of curriculum matters. Specifically, when students have concerns about the foreign language requirement as it is now - administered by the Dean's office - decisions rendered by that office are appealable only to a level of administration outside that of the College. With the foreign language in the departments, the level of appeal becomes congruent with that of all other curriculum matters. Students bring their concern about

curriculum to the department chairperson, and if unsatisfied there, to the offices of Dean and Associate Dean of the College.

It is not anticipated at this time that the proposed change in administration of the foreign language requirement will result in changes in numbers of students enrolling in foreign language courses or in any other curriculum or enrollment changes.

The proposed curriculum change would result in the following catalog change. The current description of the foreign language requirement, which now appears in the catalog section describing the College of Natural Sciences & Mathematics, will be moved in toto and unchanged into the sections describing each individual department. The foreign language requirement as currently stated in the catalog will no longer appear in the description of the College of Natural Sciences & Mathematics. Thus, for each of the College's departments (Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Geoscience, Mathematics, Physics, and Psychology) and for the Natural Sciences program there will be a foreign language requirement identical to that which is now a college-wide requirement.