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**REVIEW OF MAJOR FIELD ASSESSMENT RESULTS
DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES**

The following narrative applies to the following programs in the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures:

- a. B.A. in French (Arts and Sciences)**
- b. B.A. in Spanish (Arts and Sciences)**
- c. B.A. in French Education**
- d. B.A. in Spanish Education**

Reviewing results of students comments of the SLU Exit Survey, we find our French and Spanish programs satisfied with the quality of their teachers overall, particularly the individual care and attention their teachers give. In the last Exit Survey (2001-2002) 83.3% of Majors judged themselves "Very Satisfied" in the quality of instruction regarding standards and ethics, and 72.2% were "Very Satisfied" with the friendliness and helpfulness of faculty. Also, 63.9% of students were "Satisfied" with the quality of instruction in advance courses. The Exit Survey also indicates that 86.6% of Majors are "Very Satisfied" with the overall quality of their degree program.

Further providing assessment of our Majors' competency in Spanish or French language, literature and culture, the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures maintains the policy that all Foreign Language Majors must earn at least a C in all major field classes in order to graduate.

In the area of plans after graduation, 80.56% of those taking the 2001-2002 Exit Survey indicated that plan to go to graduate school, while 25% have already been accepted.

In accordance with our Major Field Assessment Plan (copy attached) all students completing a baccalaureate in French or Spanish or French or Spanish Education must take the Oral Proficiency Interview in French or Spanish, and 80% of these students must attain at least a score of Intermediate High. The results of these interviews are quite gratifying in that our goal was surpassed. The results of the ACTFL OPI Interviews are classified as 1) Novice; 2) Intermediate; 3) Advanced. Those classified as "Novice" and "Intermediate" are further subdivided as a) Low; b) Medium; and c) High. Those classified as "Advanced" are subdivided as a) Advanced Plus and b) Superior.

Our faculty encourages students to take advantage of the several Study Abroad programs offered by SLU, which will provide valuable real-life encounters with the places and people inspiring foreign language and cultural studies to add to research and classroom experience. Our Department offers a French program in France and a Spanish program in Costa Rica. The recent survey indicates that none of the Spanish Majors participated in the Costa Rica program, but several students who went to Costa Rica have chosen to minor in Spanish. Students who participated in the French program in France were 100% satisfied or very satisfied with their study abroad and /or student exchange experiences.