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Dear Colleagues,

LAN is pleased to support the new sequence Legal Studies: Language Integration Sequence. This sequence will prepare students with a Legal Studies major and at least intermediate Spanish language skills to communicate effectively with clients for purposes of intaking information. Students at the intermediate level can, as defined by ACTFL (the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages), successfully handle a variety of uncomplicated communicative tasks in straightforward social situations, and can speak with ease but not without errors.

Students will be required to take SPA 213, SPA 214, and SPA 244 (and the 100-level prerequisites to SPA 213 if they do not already have the language skills).

Spanish courses are not major-blocked, and LAN will be able to accommodate Legal Studies students without additional resources. Indeed, the sequence is very similar to a Legal Studies major with a Spanish minor.

LAN strongly encourages students pursuing this sequence to study abroad, volunteer in the community, and/or pursue additional coursework in Spanish as well as Latino Studies courses to further bolster their linguistic proficiency and cultural knowledge.

Sincerely,

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