FINDING AND BUILDING ON THE COMMON GROUND BETWEEN LGP AND LSP

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Introduction

• **Curricular reform** is underway in language programs.

• Need to find **common ground**.
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LGP --> “hybridized programs” that include LSP
Traditional liberal arts language students can cohabitate with interdisciplinary and/or career-focused language learners.
Common core for LGP and LSP programs.
Spanish for Specific Purposes
http://www.uab.edu/languages/ssp

The University of Alabama at Birmingham
Program Background and History

• Towards the SSPC (1997-2007)

• SSPC establishment (2007)

• Outgrowths

• Future directions: online courses, graduate program, specialty/track of the B.A.
Lessons Learned
What has worked

- Program open to degree-seeking and non-degree seeking students
- Program to all UAB students, not only Spanish majors and minors
- Inclusion of general Spanish courses in the SSPC curriculum (Phonetics and Phonology) and a service-learning course
- Application and acceptance system
- A large percentage of the students who had initially declared a Spanish minor continue to pursue the SSPC
- A large percentage of the Spanish majors or double majors decide to pursue the SSPC as well
Lessons Learned (cont’d)
What I would do differently

• **Involve all faculty** to achieve “collective ownership”
• Distribute the **SSPC advising** among all Spanish faculty, not only SSPC director and faculty
• **Partner with** the School of Business and other Professional Schools
• **Hire a TT faculty with a specialty in LSP**
• Obtain strong **local monetary support** (businesses and alumni)
• **Involve alumni** to assist with fundraising, recruitment and program advertising
PROGRAM 2

Languages for Specific Purposes

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United States Air Force Academy

http://www.usafa.edu/df/dff/?catname=Dean%20of%20Faculty
• USAFA mission is to develop leaders of character.

• USAFA shared outcomes are a unique hybrid of liberal arts education along with technical and military training.

• [http://www.usafa.edu/df/usafaoutcomes.cfm?catname=Dean%20of%20Faculty](http://www.usafa.edu/df/usafaoutcomes.cfm?catname=Dean%20of%20Faculty)
Department Mission:

• To prepare leaders with a global perspective.
• The *leadership* focus is combined with traditional elements of language/cultural learning.
USAFA has a “hybridized language program” that was built on common curricular ground.
Communities --\rightarrow Careers

Examples
CONCLUSIONS

Key questions about models and processes about transitions toward hybrid programs
DISCUSSION

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