

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*
cohabit with
interdisciplinary and/or
career-focused language
learners.**

**Common core
for LGP and LSP
programs.**

PROGRAM 1

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 & 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>

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 --> Careers

Examples

CONCLUSIONS

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

DISCUSSION

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