



# ALMA COLLEGE

## EPC REPORT TO FACULTY

**2019-2020 ACADEMIC YEAR**

Faculty Meeting Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Friday, December 6th

*Fall 2019 EPC Weekly Meetings (Mondays 3-5 p.m. weekly in SAC 110):*

August	September	October	November	December
26	9, 16, 23, 30	7, 14, 21, 28	4, 11, 18, 25	2

*(To be considered an active agenda item for an upcoming meeting, curriculum change forms should be provided to EPC a minimum of one-week prior to the meeting to ensure adequate review.)*

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**VOTE REQUIRED BY FACULTY: NONE**

### **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS (NO VOTE REQUIRED):**

- SPN 375 Spanish Civil War in Film and Text (4 cr)** **New Course Approved**

  - Description: This course explores the historical background and socio-political context of the Second Republic and the Civil War in Spain. Students will engage with a variety of literary and non-literary texts, music, and film to explore how the war was reflected and is remembered through different media.
  - Rationale: Department has offered this course several times in the past as a topics course (SPN 380). It has been well received and will lend itself to being cross-listed as a WLC course taught in English.
  - Designations: Approved for “IA” designation.
  
- SPN-109, 209 and 309 Spanish Reading Club (1 cr)** **Course Description Change**

  - New Catalog Description: Guided reading at the 100, 200, or 300 levels. 100 level texts are generally written for language learners at the intermediate-low level and 200 level texts at the intermediate-high level. 300 level texts are written for native speakers, be they literary works, popular novels, or peer-reviewed articles. May be repeated for credit.
  - Rationale: Having offered all three levels of these reading clubs, we find that students who are still reading at the novice level require greater structure than the reading clubs provide. We have been splitting the SPN 209 students into two groups (low/high) and the change in description will better reflect that practice.
  
- CSC-240 Algorithms and Complexity (4 cr)** **Prerequisite Change**

  - Current prerequisite(s): MTH 220 (Math Foundations of Computer Science)
  - New prerequisite(s): MTH 120 (Discrete Mathematics)
  - Rationale: This change brings the catalog into agreement with current practice: the mathematical content of MTH 120 is adequate preparation for this course, and we typically allow students who are under time pressure to take CSC 240 without MTH 220.

- **CSC-430 Theory of Computing (4 cr):** **Prerequisite Change**
  - Current prerequisite(s): CSC 240 (Algorithms and Complexity)
  - New prerequisite(s): CSC 120 (Object Oriented Programming I) and either MTH 220 (Math Foundations of Computer Science) or MTH 223 (Mathematical Structures)
  - Rationale: This course should be equally accessible by advanced majors in both computer science and mathematics, as it draws on material from the shared foundation of the two disciplines. This change in prerequisites has two effects:
    - It allows CS majors to take the course a bit earlier than they previously could, by removing one layer of prerequisites (CSC 240, the previous prerequisite, has MTH 220 as a prerequisite);
    - It makes the course more accessible to math majors by allowing a required major course (MTH 223) as a prerequisite.

*The following courses have new approved designations for International Awareness (IA), “S” Experience, or Quill:*

- ART-281M-01 Painting: Community Mural (4 cr) – Approved for “S” designation (Spring 2020).
- HUM-380T-01: Sports & Culture: Golf Across the Atlantic (4 cr) – Approved for “S” designation (Spring 2020).

***COMMITTEE INFORMATION (SHARING FOR FACULTY DISCUSSION AND FYI):***

- EPC Meeting time for Winter 2020 will be Tuesdays from 8:30-10am, location TBD.