The Transatlantic Studies Project is designing 10 online courses that incorporate a Language component to each course. Each course has five modules for Spanish and five modules for French. The courses of the program deal with Transatlantic Relations: Africa, Asia and the Pacific, Russias and Europe, The Middle East, The Americas, Environment and Energy, Health and Welfare, Trade and Economics, Religion, and Global Security. This paper focuses on the design and development of the language modules.

### Overview

The Transatlantic Studies Program offers 10 online courses. The courses will be designed by interdisciplinary teams, consisting of faculty representing each of the four main disciplines: Social Sciences, Arts and Humanities, Business and Economics, and Natural and Health Sciences. Each of the courses will also have foreign language components in French and Spanish that is designed by foreign language faculty. This curricular structure aims at building a bridge between contrasting approaches to the study of international affairs - with students and policy makers - by incorporating both methodologies to ensure students obtain an optimal learning experience.

The online courses will be composed in a modular fashion, consisting of a series of 7-week segments, each including its own learning objectives, reading assignments, case studies, and means of assessment. In this way, students from other universities will be able to have a transatlantic dimension at the same time. An online course will be composed of 7-week segments, each including its own learning objectives, reading assignments, case studies, and means of assessment.

### Degree Structure

The goal of the Title VI grant project is to create the foundations for a new BA degree in Transatlantic Studies. This BA in Transatlantic Studies will require a minimum of 120 semester hours of academic credit. The degree structure of the program is designed to complement the core of educational requirements that are uniformly across consortium institutions. Students pursuing a BA in Transatlantic Studies must demonstrate competence in French or Spanish at the 2000 level either through coursework or a proficiency exam. The program also includes the completion of a Senior Seminar: Writing and research, and the completion of the Language component. The BA in Transatlantic Studies will be offered at each of the consortium institutions beginning in the fall 2010 semester.

### Core Syllabus for 5 Modules

#### Course: Latin America / Americas

**Syllabus Excerpt**

Instructor: xxx  
Home Institution & Office: XXX  
Phone: XXX  
Email: XXX  
Virtual Office Hours: XXX

**Course Description:** This course will examine the role that Latin America plays in the trans-Atlantic world. We will first be covering issues such as geography, history, and migration. We will also examine Latin America's economic, political, and environmental role in the world. This course is an online course using Vista as the delivery platform.

### Centre de Comunicación Transatlántica (CCT)

This virtual center has been created to invite students to record voices, interact with instructors, guest speakers and other students. It consists of an online conference (CCT Sala de conferencias, virtual classroom), presentations (MVS Board, CTT News, all these for free), and blogs. The Centro de Comunicación Transatlántica (CCT) is an online learning space for Transatlantic Studies.

### Online Content and Resources

- **Audio/Video:**
  - Live instructor tutoring via Wimba Classroom and Voice Tools
  - Other advanced learning technologies

### Latin America / Americas

#### Spanish Component

Intermediate American Spanish

**Course:** Intermediate American Spanish

**Course Description:** This course is an online course using Vista as the delivery platform. It is designed to be completed by students as a language component. The course will focus on the role that Latin America plays in the trans-Atlantic world. We will first be covering issues such as geography, history, and history. We will also examine Latin America's economic, political, and environmental role in the world. This course is an online course using Vista as the delivery platform.

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