Rationale for change to Spanish Minor
The “regular” minor is the only one affected by the DC’s vote; it is modified and re-attached.
Here is the rationale (from Prof. Scott Schwenter):
We propose to modify the Spanish minor by adding the requirement that students **must take at least one course at the 4000-level.** While many students already do this, it is actually possible for any student at this point in time to complete the minor by only taking 3000-level courses (what we call "orientation" courses). We believe that the addition of this requirement is necessary to ensure the kind of intellectual breadth and rigor that we expect of our minors in the Department of Spanish and Portuguese.
The Spanish minor consists of a minimum of 15 credit hours in the study of Iberian and Latin American Literatures, Cultures, and Hispanic Linguistics. The language of instruction in all Spanish classes leading to the minor will be in Spanish. Students choosing to minor in Spanish are encouraged to take advantage of study abroad opportunities offered in cooperation with The Office of International Affairs.

After an academic advisor in the Department of Spanish and Portuguese has approved the Minor Program Form, you should file the form with your college or school counselor. For further information about the minor program, contact the Department of Spanish and Portuguese.

**Spanish Major/Minor Entrance exam**
The Spanish Listening and Reading Proficiency Exam (SLRPE) is administered in multiple sessions each semester. Passing scores on both portions of the SLRPE is a prerequisite to entry into all undergraduate Spanish courses at the 3400-level and above. Students are eligible to register for the SLRPE as early as the 5th week of enrollment in 2200H or 2202 (.01 or .51), or through pre-requisite examination.

**Required courses (9 credit hours)**
Spanish 3401, 3403, 3450 (or the honors sections of these courses)

**Elective courses (6 credit hours)**
Students choose two of the following courses, at least one of which must be at the 4000+ level:
Spanish 3404, 3406, 4430(H), 4516, 4532, 4534(H), 4536, 4537, 4538, 4551(E), 4552(H), 4555(E), 4556, 4557.1, 4557.2, 4560(H), 4561(H), 4564, 4565H, 4567(H), 4580, 4581, 4585(.01, .02, .03), 4603, 4606, 4610, 4613, 4999(H), 5689, 5797

*Only 3 credit hours of Spanish 5797 can count toward the Spanish minor.*