

UMBC UGC Program Changes & Other Request: Minor in Japanese Language and Culture

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Specifics (see instructions):

The department of Modern Languages, Linguistics and Intercultural Communication proposes adding a minor in Japanese Language and Culture with 18 credits of coursework; 3 in MLL core course, 6 in required JPNS upper language courses, and 9 in elective courses (3 required in JPNS course).

3 credits: One MLL core course (MLL 190, 191, 230, 301)

- **MLL 190** The World of Language I
- **MLL 191** The World of Language II
- **MLL 230** World Language Communities
- **MLL 301** Textual Analysis

6 credits: two upper level Japanese language courses:

- **JPNS 301** Advanced Japanese I
- **JPNS 302** Advanced Japanese II

9 credits: three JPNS or MLL electives (3 credits must be JPNS):

- **JPNS 309** Business Japanese
- **JPNS 319** Japanese Translation
- **MLL 317** Images of Society in Contemporary Japanese Films
- **MLL 327** Modern Japanese Culture
- **MLL 333** Japanese Food Culture
- An **MLL** topics course (or course in other discipline) relevant to Japanese language and culture, with an approval of the MLLI department

Rationale (see instructions):

The MLLI department offers courses in eleven foreign languages and seven undergraduate minor programs. The Japanese language and culture program has become a strong and growing program, and the addition of the minor would expand and solidify the coverage of areas offered by MLLI department. The minor in Japanese language and culture will be an integral part of the programs in the MLLI department. A minor in Japanese provides students with solid baseline background knowledge and intercultural understanding as well as awareness of their own culture. Several students have already indicated a strong interest in minoring Japanese language and culture in MLLI department. Establishing Japanese minor also will attract prospective students who are interested in studying Japanese language and culture at UMBC.