

UMBC UGC Program Changes & Other Request: MLLI Certificate in Spanish Studies

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Specifics (see instructions):

CURRENT:

Required Spanish courses (11 credits):

4 credits: SPAN 201
4 credits: SPAN 202
3 credits: SPAN 301

Electives (6 credits):

Choose TWO of the following:

MLL 280: Introduction to the Spanish-Speaking World
MLL 213: Film and Society in Spain
MLL 218: Film and Society in Latin America
ECON 387: Economic Development of Latin America
HIST 327: Modern Latin American History
POLI 377: Latin American Politics
Any SPAN courses above 301

NEW (changes highlighted in yellow):

Required Spanish courses (11 credits):

4 credits: SPAN 201
4 credits: SPAN 202
3 credits from **SPAN 301 or 304**

Electives (6 credits):

A SPAN course above 301 or 304

And one of the following:

MLL 280: Introduction to the Spanish-Speaking World
MLL 213: Film and Society in Spain
MLL 218: Film and Society in Latin America
ECON 387: Economic Development of Latin America
HIST 327: Modern Latin American History
POLI 377: Latin American Politics

Another SPAN course above 301 or 304

NOTE: At least 3 courses must be taken at UMBC in order to complete the certificate.

All courses submitted by a student in fulfillment of the requirements for the Certificate in Spanish Studies must be completed with a grade of B or higher. The certificate cannot be combined with an MLLI-Spanish major or minor.

Rationale (see instructions):

The addition of SPAN 304 (3 credits from **SPAN 301 or 304**) simply reflects that 301 (2nd language learners) and 304 (heritage Spanish speakers) are equivalent courses. With the current requirements students could come in with HS, AP or IB Spanish credits and complete the certificate with two courses in English. Requiring at least two Spanish courses at the 300 level and that at least three courses of the five courses be taken at UMBC makes the certificate more rigorous and gives students a better base in the language.