## UMBC UGC Change in Existing Course: MLL 191: The World of Language II

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**COURSE INFORMATION:** (please provide all information in the "current" column, and only the information changing in the "proposed" column)

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change		current	proposed
	Course Number(s)	MLL 191 / LING 191 / ENG 191	
$\boxtimes$	Formal Title	The World of Language II	The World of Language: Cultural and Social Aspects
$\boxtimes$	Transcript Title (≤30c)	The World of Language II	Language: Cultural & Social
	Recommended Course Preparation		
	Prerequisite NOTE: Unless otherwise indicated, a prerequisite is assumed to be passed with a "D" or better.	No prerequisite	
	# of Credits Must adhere to the UMBC Credit Hour Policy	3	
	Repeatable?	☐ Yes   No	☐ Yes ☐ No
	Max. Total Credits	3	Max. Total Credits: This should be equal to the number of credits for courses that cannot be repeated for credit. For courses that may be repeated for credit, enter the maximum total number of credits a student can receive from this course. E.g., enter 6 credits for a 3 credit course that may be taken a second time for credit, but not for a third time. Please note that this does NOT refer to how many times a class may be retaken for a higher grade.
	Grading Method(s)	⊠ Reg (A-F) ⊠ Audit ⊠ Pass-Fail	Reg (A-F) Audit Pass-Fail

## **CURRENT CATALOG DESCRIPTION:**

Language as both a reflection and a determiner of social relationships. In this course, we examine the varying idioms of the scientist, the politician, the media, the poet, the child and the magician, and we investigate how language changes and how it marks social groups. Communication strategies and social taboos reflected in language are discussed for various cultures. Although this course continues work begun in The World of Language I, it is designed so that students can easily enter MLL 191 without having taken MLL 190.

**PROPOSED CATALOG DESCRIPTION** (Approximately 75 words in length. Please use full sentences): leave blank if no changes are being proposed to the catalog description. NOTE: information about prerequisites should NOT appear in the catalog description.)

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## **RATIONALE FOR CHANGE:**

Students tend to take MLL 190: The World of Language I over MLL 191: The World of Language II because their titles are labeled I and II, respectively. This labeling suggests that they are in a sequence although they are not. They are complementary to each other but also independent from each other. One way of dealing with this situation is to modify the I and II labels into more descriptive titles.

MLL 190 will become "The World of Language: Structural and Biological Aspects"

MLL 191 will become "The World of Language: Cultural and Social Aspects"