

UMBC UGC Program Changes & Other Request: *Language Studies—Russian Concentration, Certificate*

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Specifics (see instructions):

Language Studies—Russian Concentration, Certificate: 17 credits

CURRENT:

Students must complete all of the following with a grade of "B" or higher:

11 credits of required courses:

- RUSS 201 (4 cr.)
- RUSS 202 (4 cr.)
- RUSS 301 (3 cr.)

6 credits of electives:

Choose two elective courses:

- MLL 270 (3 cr.)
- MLL 271 (3 cr.)
- MLL 370 (3 cr.)
- MLL 371 (3 cr.)

PROPOSED:

Students must complete all of the following with a grade of "B" or higher:

14 credits of required courses:

- RUSS 201 (4 cr.)
- RUSS 202 (4 cr.)
- RUSS 301 (3 cr.)
- RUSS 321 (3 cr.) or RUSS 322 (3 cr.)**

3 credits of electives:

Any RUSS course at the 300- or 400-level. One 300- or 400-level cognate course in another discipline (such as POLI 475, HIST 485, or HIST 486) may be used as a substitute for the RUSS elective, with the approval of the student's academic advisor.

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

Rationale (see instructions):

With the recent retirement of a colleague in the MLLI Russian area (Dr. Elaine Rusinko), we no longer have the staffing or expertise to offer the MLL 270 through 371 Russian Literature and Culture series (taught in English), and do not foresee being able to offer these courses anytime soon. We propose making one of the two closest equivalent Russian culture courses, RUSS 321 and 322 (both taught in Russian), a required course, and replacing the electives list with any upper-level RUSS course. The number of credits does not change.