

UMBC UGC Program Changes & Other Request: History Major

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Specifics (see instructions):

We want to make some changes to the language used to describe the Required Courses for the history major. Here is the current applicable language from the Undergraduate catalog:

Required Courses (6 credits)

HIST 201: Introduction to the Study of History (3.00)

Either HIST 496: Historical Research (3.00) (American history) or HIST 497: Historical Research (3.00) (European, Asian, Latin American or African history)

Core Lower-Level Courses (9 credits)

Core Lower-Level Courses must be numbered below 300 and distributed in such a way that each student has a minimum of 3 credits in American history and a minimum of 3 credits in European, Asian, Latin American or African history.

The new policy would be:

Here is the updated language for the Required courses in the Undergraduate catalog:

Required Courses (6 credits)

HIST 201: Introduction to the Study of History (3.00)

Either HIST 496: Historical Research (3.00) (U.S. history) or HIST 497: Historical Research (3.00) (non-U.S. history)

Core Lower-Level Courses (9 credits)

Core Lower-Level Courses must be numbered below 300 and distributed in such a way that each student has a minimum of 3 credits in U.S. history and a minimum of 3 credits in non-U.S. history.

Rationale (see instructions):

The department's offerings cover a number of fields; the designations of "American" and "European, Asian, Latin American or African" history create confusion among students. The designations of "U.S." and "non-U.S." are more in line with general disciplinary usage, more flexible for faculty use in curricular design, and easier to understand for students.