UMBC UGC Program Changes & Other Request: MLLI major track, Applied Linguistics

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Specifics (see instructions):

MLLI major track, Applied Linguistics: 39 credits

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CURRENT:	PROPOSED:		
9 credits:	9 credits:		
MLL 190	MLL 190		
MLL 230	MLL 230		
MLL 301	MLL 301		
21 credits (required courses):	18 credits (required courses):		
LING 210	LING 210		
LING 290	LING 290		
LING 310	LING 310		
LING 320	LING 320		
LING 360	LING 360		
LING 410 (Language Planning)	LING 450 or LING 490		
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9 credits of electives, chosen from other LING courses at the 300 or 400 level, three credits of which must be at the 400 level.	12 credits of electives, chosen from other LING courses at the 300 or 400 level, three credits of which must be at the 400 level.		

Rationale (see instructions):

We are proposing to remove LING 410 (Language Planning) from the list of required courses for the MLLI Applied Linguistics major track, reducing the number of credits in this list from 21 to 18, while increasing the number of elective credits from 9 to 12. The overall number of credits for the track remains the same (39). LING 410 will continue to be offered, but can be used as an elective rather than a required course. It has occasionally been difficult to staff and offer the LING 410 in such a way that students can finish the program efficiently. The change will give students greater flexibility in finishing the program, without compromising the integrity of the track.