

UMBC UGC Program Changes & Other Request: Modern Languages, Linguistics, and Intercultural Communication: Spanish

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Specifics (see instructions):

For changes in program requirements, include a side-by-side comparison of the current requirements and the requested requirements so that the changes requested can be reviewed in context.

Current (https://mlli.umbc.edu/spanish/)	Proposed
<p>Two-Language Option Major (43 credits)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9 credits: MLL 190, 230, 301 (note: MLL 230 and 301 must be taken at UMBC) • 13 credits: SPAN 202, 301, 302, 401 (note: SPAN 401 is the capstone course for the major, and must be taken at UMBC) • 3 credits: SPAN 311 (only Spring) or 312 (only Fall) • 6 credits of SPAN on the 300- or 400-level, to be chosen in consultation with the student's advisor. At least one course must be at the 400 level. • 12 credits in a second language above 202, taught in the target language <p>Note: 16 credits must be taken in courses taught in Spanish.</p> <p>It is highly recommended you take SPAN 308 before or concurrently with SPAN 312 and SPAN 307 before or concurrently with SPAN 311.</p>	<p>Two-Language Option Major (43 credits)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9 credits: MLL 190, 230, 301 (note: MLL 230 and 301 must be taken at UMBC) • 10 credits: SPAN 202, (301 or 304), (302 or 305) • 3 credits: SPAN 311 (only Spring) or 312 (only Fall) • 9 credits of SPAN on the 300- or 400-level, to be chosen in consultation with the student's advisor. At least one course must be at the 400 level. • 12 credits in a second language above 202, taught in the target language <p>It is highly recommended you take SPAN 308 before or concurrently with SPAN 312 and SPAN 307 before or concurrently with SPAN 311.</p>

At a glance, where additions are underlined below and crossed-out text indicates a subtraction.

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Rationale (see instructions):

Briefly explain the need for this proposal. For changes in program requirements, explain

- a) What are the major departures from the current structure and why is the new structure preferable?*
- b) What provisions will be made to accommodate current students if courses are discontinued?*
- c) If there is a change in required credits, please provide a specific justification for that change.*

There is no overall change in credits, just a slight re-distribution from featured lower level courses to upper level courses. The courses added (304, 305) are the equivalents of 301 and 302 for heritage speakers, hence no change. The note about 16 credits in Spanish was removed due to redundancy. The only change of note is the removal of SPAN 401 from the required courses. Most students who take 22 credits are not prepared to take the 'capstone' (SPAN 401) which is required of those who are completing a full major at the end of their program, but that they could successfully complete 400-level courses like 472 and 421.