

Routing Sheet for Review and Approval

Proposed New Academic Plan or Name Change to Existing Academic Plan

Required steps in the review and approval process for proposed new academic plans and name changes to existing academic plans vary depending upon a number of factors. The Provost's Office reviews each concept for a new academic plan or name change in light of UMBC campus governance procedures and USM/MHEC approval guidelines. This online form has been routed by the Provost's Office to each office or governance group that needs to review this particular proposal.

Name of proposed new program OR program action: UDC Arabic

Date of PCG review: 08/30/2020 Review by USM: yes

Date of approval initiation: 02/22/2021 Maryland Higher Education

Date Letter of Intent sent to USM: Commission for: Admin. review

Date RSTARS transfer requested: Target MHEC Submission Date: May 2021

Proposal and Other Attachments

Proposal

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INSTRUCTIONS

1. The proposal and this routing form are being sent to each office indicated on this form via DocuSign, in the order in which each appears on the list. Each recipient who needs to review the proposal will receive an email notification when it is his or her turn to sign.
2. If you have a concern regarding the proposed new plan or plan change, please do the following: (1) select "Concern" on the dropdown near your designated signature block, (2) enter a brief description of your concern regarding the proposal in the text box that appears, (3) select "Finish Later" under the "Other Actions" menu option, and (4) e-mail Beth Wells at bwells@umbc.edu with a more detailed description of your concern.

If you have questions about this form or the review process, please contact Beth Wells at bwells@umbc.edu, x5-8907. Thank you very much for your assistance.

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Date Submitted to USM:

Proof RSTARS Transfer Attached:

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Proposed new Upper Division Certificate in Arabic in the MLL Bachelor's degree

A. Centrality of the proposed certificate program to the mission of the institution

The Modern Languages and Linguistics (MLL) bachelor's program occupies a distinct place in the field of foreign languages, because it is the only program in the nation that combines the study of foreign languages with the study of the concepts and practices of intercultural communication and intercultural studies in general. Beyond the bachelor's degree in MLL there are approved certificates in Chinese, French, German, Korean, Russian, Spanish, and Linguistics. The proposed Upper Division Certificate (UDC) in Arabic focuses on developing language proficiency in listening, speaking, reading and writing as well as sophisticated knowledge of cultural contents adding to their linguistics knowledge. Additionally, the courses play an important part in UMBC's General Education Program (GEP).

B. Evidence of the market demand for the proposed certificate program

The tragic events of September 11, 2001, the subsequent war in Iraq, and the current conflicts in the Middle East have affected the field of Arabic studies and the way we think about Arabic language learning, in particular. It is not a surprise that demand for learning Arabic in the United States has increased since then, as evidenced by the surge in student enrollments in Arabic classes at UMBC since 2004 when we first launched a section of elementary Arabic course. Students majoring in degrees such as global studies and political sciences (international relations track), Information Systems with the Cyber Security track, R.O.T.C program and other branches of the military would will benefit from obtaining a certificate in Arabic. By completing this certificate, students will be at an advantage in a job market that values global awareness, national security, and a cross-cultural perspective.

C. The curriculum for certificate program in Arabic is as follows

Certificate in Arabic Studies (17 credits)

Required Arabic courses (11 credits/3 courses)

- Arabic 201 Intermediate Arabic II [4]
- Arabic 202 Intermediate Arabic II [4]
- Arabic 301 Advance Arabic I [3]

Certificate electives (choose two)

- Arabic 325 Introduction to Arabic Dialects [3]
- Arabic 350 Arabic Media [3]
- Arabic 355 Introduction to Arabic Culture and Civilization [3]
- Arabic 333 Introduction to Arabic Translation [3]
- MLL424 MENA Cross Cultural Competency [3]

All courses in the Arabic certificate are included in the courses for the MLL bachelor's degree.

D. Adequate faculty resources exist for the proposed certificate program

Dr. Samir El Omari, senior lecturer of Arabic and French and coordinator of the Arabic program within the MLLI department, and Amina Didich, Adjunct of Arabic and French will be the main faculty resources who will conduct and teach for the proposed certificate program. Dr. Samir El Omari will be in charge of teaching upper division Arabic courses and the cross-cultural competency in the Middle East and North Africa course, while Amina Didich will teach lower division courses.

At least 50% of the courses in the certificate are taught by full time faculty, and designate below which faculty are full time

List of courses for MLLI Undergraduate Certificate Proposal: Arabic Language and Culture

Instructors	Lower & Upper Division Courses	Core & Elective Courses
EL OMARI, SAMIR, Ph.D., Principal Lecturer (Full time faculty)	Upper division Arabic Courses	ARBC 301 - Advanced Modern Standard Arabic I ARBC 302 - Advanced Modern Standard Arabic II ARBC 333 - Introduction to Arabic Translation ARBC 350 - Arabic Media ARBC 355 – Arabic Culture and Civilization ARBC 325 – Arabic Dialects MLL424 – MENA Cross Cultural Competency
AMINA, DIDICH M.A Adjunct.	Lower division Arabic Courses	Arabic 202 – High Intermediate Arabic II