

CURRICULUM CHANGE PROPOSAL

APPROVAL PAGE

Proposal Title: Update General Education Requirements for Foreign Language

College: Liberal Arts

Department: Dean's Office

DEPARTMENT CHAIR

I have read the enclosed proposal and approve this proposal on behalf of the department.



11-25-19

Signature

Date

COLLEGE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE CHAIR

I have read the enclosed documents and approve the proposal on behalf of the college curriculum committee.



11/20/19

Signature

Date

COLLEGE DEAN

I have read the enclosed documents and approve the proposal on behalf of the college. I certify that the necessary funds will be allocated by the college in support of this proposal.



11-25-19

Signature

Date

UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULUM CHANGE MEMO

Date: 11/18/2019
From: Crystal G. Herman, Associate Dean
Through: Liberal Arts Curriculum Committee
Through: Denis O'hearn, College of Liberal Arts
To: Chair, Undergraduate Curriculum Committee

Proposal Title: Update General Education Requirements for Foreign Language

In order to be in compliance with regulations regarding program of study the College of Liberal Arts is proposing to update its General Education Requirements for Foreign Language.

The current General Education Requirements for the College of Liberal Arts requires students to take or test out of introductory level language classes that are not on their degree plan. This proposal eliminates this hidden prerequisite by changing the language in the catalog to simply require six credit hours of a foreign language.

This proposal also soften the potential consequences for this change by allowing 2000 level foreign language classes to count as block electives if the student wishes to further pursue a foreign language.

Degrees and Majors

Bachelor of Arts

The Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree is offered in the following major fields: Anthropology, Art, Art History, Biology, Chemistry, Chicano Studies, Communication, Creative Writing, Criminal Justice, Economics, English, French, Geological Sciences, History, Latin American and Border Studies, Linguistics, Mathematics, Philosophy, Physics, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology, Spanish, Theatre Arts and Women's and Gender Studies. Requirements for the Bachelor of Arts degree are designed to provide an essential unity in the programs of all Liberal Arts students and, at the same time, to offer each student substantial latitude in course selection. The degree consists of a minimum of 120 semester hours, including at least 45 at the advanced (3000-4000) level **[\(see exception for foreign language\)](#). Twenty-four (24) of the last 30 hours must be taken in residence. With exceptions noted in departmental program descriptions, a course taken to satisfy one degree area requirement (University Core Curriculum, major, or minor) cannot be used to satisfy any other degree area requirement. No course used for Liberal Arts General Education Requirements can be double-counted toward any other requirement.

University Core Curriculum (42 hours)

Students should refer to the *University [Core Curriculum](#)* section of this Catalog for a complete description.

Liberal Arts General Education Requirements (24-27 hours)

Code	Title	Hours
Communication Skills		
ESOL 2303	English/Humanities & Soc. Sci. (for those whose post-primary education has been in a language other than English)	3
One Modern or Classical Language		
Select one of the following: Select six credits of Foreign Language		6
Complete 2301 and 2302 in French, German, Latin, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish (prerequisites: completion of 1401 and 1402 in the language, or placement by examination)		
ARAB 2401 & ARAB 2402	Intermediate Arabic I and Intermediate Arabic II	
CHIN 2301 & CHIN 2302	Intermediate Chinese I and Intermediate Chinese II	
FREN 2301 & FREN 2302	French Three and French Four	

Code	Title	Hours
GERM 2301 & GERM 2302	German Three and German Four	
LATN 2303 & LATN 2304	Accelerated Latin One and Accelerated Latin Two	
LING 2303 & LING 2304	Intensive Language Study and Intensive Language Study	
PORT 2401 & PORT 2402	Intermediate Portuguese I and Intermediate Portuguese II	
SPAN 2301 & SPAN 2302	Interm Spanish One Non-Nat Spk and Interm Spanish Two Non-Nat Spk (non- native)	
SPAN 2303 & SPAN 2304	Spanish For Spanish Spkrs One and Spanish for Spanish Spkrs Two ((native) prerequisite: placement by examination)	
SPAN 2602	Intensive Intermediate Spanish	
SPAN 2603	Intensive Span for Span Speak	

Blocks

A total of 18 upper-division hours distributed among three blocks.

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Visual and Performing Arts

courses with prefixes in Art, Dance, Music, and Theatre Arts and Film

Humanities

courses with prefixes in Creative Writing, English, History, Languages and Linguistics, and Philosophy

Social and Behavioral Sciences

courses with prefixes in Anthropology, Communication, Criminal Justice, Political Science, Psychology, Social Work, and Sociology

- * At least three (3) hours must be taken in each block. No more than nine (9) of the 18 required hours can be taken in any one block. No course to meet this requirement can be taken in the student's major or minor, with the exception of up to 6 hours of foreign language.

**Foreign language can be 2000 level and count as a block elective under Humanities if taken in addition to the 6 credit hours required for Liberal Arts General Education.

Courses in African-American Studies, Chicano Studies, Latin American and Border Studies, Religious Studies, Western Cultural Heritage (Humanities), and Women's Studies that are also cross-listed will be counted in the block to which the course is cross-listed. If a course is not crosslisted, each studies program will determine into which block its courses fit.