

CURRICULUM PROPOSAL

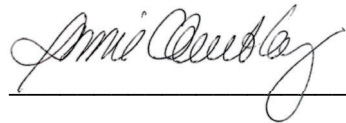
APPROVAL PAGE

Proposal Title: Addition of Undergraduate Program Eligible for Fast-Track in Bilingualism and Applied Linguistics

College: Liberal Arts **Department:** Chicano Studies, Languages, and Linguistics

DEPARTMENT CHAIR- Dr. Annie Tremblay

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



9/18/2026

Signature

Date

COLLEGE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE CHAIR – Dr. Selfa Chew-Melendez

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

Signature

Date

COLLEGE DEAN – Dr. Anadeli Bencomo

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.

Signature

Date

CURRICULUM CHANGE MEMO

Date: September 17, 2026

From: Dr. Carla Contemori, Chicano Studies, Languages, and Linguistics

Through: Dr. Annie Tremblay, Chair, Chicano Studies, Languages, and Linguistics

Through: Dr. Anadeli Bencomo, Dean, College of Liberal Arts

To: Dr. Selfa Chew-Melendez, Undergraduate Curriculum Committee
Dr. Christina Convertino, Chair, Graduate Education Committee

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Select the proposal content (select as many as apply) and provide the rationale.

Content

☐ New program or ☒ Program Change

☐ Bachelor's

☐ Master's

☐ Doctoral/Professional

☐ Certificate

☒ Fast Track

☐ Minor

☐ Concentration/Track

☐ New Course

☐ Closure (program, certificate, minor, concentration)

☐ Change

☐ CIP Code

☐ Program/certificate SCH

☐ Course Title

☐ Course Description

☐ Graduate Program Admission Requirements

Rationale

We propose expanding eligibility for the Bilingualism and Applied Linguistics fast-track program to include students pursuing a minor in Linguistics and Bilingualism. We also propose lowering the minimum GPA requirement to 3.0. These changes will create additional pathways to graduate education for students whose undergraduate preparation and academic and professional interests align with advanced study in bilingualism and applied linguistics.

The proposed expansion recognizes the Linguistics and Bilingualism minor as a relevant foundation for graduate study in these fields. Students pursuing this minor develop interests and knowledge that complement their primary disciplines and can support further study of language, bilingualism, and language use in educational and social contexts. Making these students eligible for the fast-track program will strengthen the connection between the minor and the graduate program, providing a more direct pathway for qualified students from a range of undergraduate majors to continue their education in bilingualism and applied linguistics.

Lowering the minimum GPA requirement to 3.0 will make the program accessible to a broader range of students while maintaining a clear academic standard for eligibility. Overall GPA is one indicator of preparation, but it may not fully reflect a student's strengths in linguistics and bilingualism, performance in relevant coursework, or academic growth. The revised threshold will allow more students to be considered under the program's other admission requirements, including the academic preparation necessary for success in graduate coursework. Eligibility will provide an opportunity for consideration rather than guarantee admission.

Together, these changes are intended to broaden the prospective graduate student pool, support recruitment into the Bilingualism and Applied Linguistics graduate program, and improve continuity between undergraduate and graduate education. Welcoming students who combine the Linguistics and Bilingualism minor with preparation in other disciplines will also support the interdisciplinary character of the field. The expanded pathway will help students connect their undergraduate studies and professional interests with advanced study while supporting a more sustainable graduate program.

Changes to an Existing Fast-Track Program

College: Liberal Arts

Graduate Degree: Bilingualism and Applied Linguistics M.A.

Undergraduate Degrees: Linguistic and Bilingualism Major, **ADDED: Linguistics and Bilingualism**

Minor, minimum GPA required: 3.0

Graduate Course Inventory Changes

Additions

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Fast Track Hours Allowed (max allowed = 15 hours)

Increase to

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