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PROGRAM/DEGREE REQUIREMENT CHANGE (MAJOR/MINOR)

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PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION:

DEGREE PROGRAM	Foreign Languages
Degree Level: (i.e., Certificate, A.A., A.A.S., B.A., B.S., M.A., M.S., Ph.D.)	B.A.

A. CHANGE IN DEGREE REQUIREMENTS: (Brief statement of program/degree changes and objectives)

We are changing two existing options under the Foreign Languages degree requirements:

- 1) In the "Two Languages" option, we are removing the requirements for a specific sequence of courses. Some languages have other courses than those listed in the existing requirements, and students should be able to use these courses toward their degrees. This change will also make it easier for students to use courses taken on Study Abroad programs toward their Foreign Languages degree.
- 2) We are eliminating the "Teaching" track because a number of the courses required for that track have not been offered on a consistent basis, and students currently have to substitute other Linguistics courses that are not necessarily well-suited to a Foreign Languages degree. We have left open the option of including two Linguistics or Education courses, under an advisor's approval.

B. CURRENT REQUIREMENTS AS IT APPEARS IN THE CATALOG:

Major — B.A. Degree

Concentrations: Two Languages, Single Language (French, German, Spanish)

1. Complete the general university requirements.
2. Complete the B.A. degree requirements.
3. Complete either the following concentration or the requirements for a single language:
 - * Two Languages
 - a. Complete the first language requirements with one language from the following French, German, Japanese, Russian or Spanish courses:
 - F201—Intermediate—3 – 4 credits
 - F202—Intermediate—3 – 4 credits
 - F301—Advanced—3 credits
 - F302—Advanced—3 credits
 - F431—Studies in the Culture—3 credits
 - F432—Studies of Literature—3 credits

- b. Complete 6 first language credits from the following:**
 F431—Studies in the Culture—3 credits
 F432—Studies of Literature—3 credits
 F482—Selected Topics—3 credits
 F488—Individual Study: Senior Project—3 credits
 LING F410O—Theory and Methods of Second Language Teaching—3 credits
 F400-level elective***—3 credits
- c. Complete the second language requirements with four courses in one language from the following French, German, Japanese, Russian or Spanish courses:****
 F201—Intermediate—3 – 4 credits
 F202—Intermediate—3 – 4 credits
 F301—Advanced—3 credits
 F302—Advanced—3 credits
 F400-level**—3 – 6 credits

French, German or Spanish

Complete one of the following emphasis areas:

Language Focus:

- a. Complete a minimum of 30 credits in the target language at the F200-level or above. These may include courses taken on an approved study abroad program, but must include two F400-level courses in the target language taken in residence at UAF.

Teaching:

- a. Complete a minimum of 18 credits in the target language at the F200-level or above. These may include courses taken on an approved study abroad program, but must include two F400-level courses in the target language taken in residence at UAF:
- b. Complete the following:
 FL F451—Foreign Language Teaching Practicum—4 credits
 LING F101—Nature of Language—3 credits
 LING F410O—Theory and Methods of Second Language Teaching—3 credits
- c. Complete one course from the following:
 LING/ED F303W,O—Language Acquisition—3 credits
 LING F340W—Aspects of Bilingualism—3 credits
 LING or ED course approved by advisor—3 – 4 credits
- d.

Japanese: see requirements under Japanese Studies major

Russian: see requirements under Russian Studies major

4. Minimum credits required—120 credits

Major — B.A. Degree

Concentrations: Two Languages, Single Language (French, German, Spanish)

1. Complete the general university requirements.
2. Complete the B.A. degree requirements.
3. Complete either the following concentration or the requirements for a single language: * one of the two following concentrations:

Space

A. Two Languages Concentration

- a. Complete the first language requirements with one language from the following French, German, Japanese, Russian or Spanish courses:

F201 — Intermediate — 3 — 4 credits

F202 — Intermediate — 3 — 4 credits

F301 — Advanced — 3 credits

F302 — Advanced — 3 credits

F431 — Studies in the Culture — 3 credits

F432 — Studies of Literature — 3 credits

- a. Complete a minimum of 18 credits at the 200-level or above in the first language: French, German, Japanese, Russian or Spanish. These must include two F400-level courses in the target language taken in residence at UAF.

- b. Complete 6 first language credits from the following:**

F431 — Studies in the Culture — 3 credits

F432 — Studies of Literature — 3 credits

F482 — Selected Topics — 3 credits

F488 — Individual Study: Senior Project — 3 credits

LING F4100 — Theory and Methods of Second Language Teaching — 3 credits

F400 level elective*** — 3 credits

- b. Complete a minimum of 15 credits at the 200-level or above in the second language: French, German, Japanese, Russian or Spanish.

- c. Complete the second language requirements with four courses in one language from the following French, German, Japanese, Russian or Spanish courses:****

F201 — Intermediate — 3 — 4 credits

F202 — Intermediate — 3 — 4 credits

F301 — Advanced — 3 credits

F302 — Advanced — 3 credits

F400 level** — 3 — 6 credits

B. French, German or Spanish Concentration

Complete one of the following emphasis areas:

Language Focus:

- a. Complete a minimum of 30 credits in the target language at the F200-level or above. These may include target language courses and/or courses taken in the target language on an approved study abroad program and up to 6 credits of advisor-approved electives from Education or Linguistics, but must include two F400-level courses in the target language taken in residence at UAF.

Teaching:

- a. Complete a minimum of 18 credits in the target language at the F200-level or above. These may include courses taken on an approved study abroad program, but must include two F400-level courses in the target language taken in residence at UAF:
- b. Complete the following:
 - FL F451—Foreign Language Teaching Practicum—4 credits
 - LING F101—Nature of Language—3 credits
 - LING F4100—Theory and Methods of Second Language Teaching—3 credits
- c. Complete one course from the following:
 - LING/ED F303W,O—Language Acquisition—3 credits
 - LING F340W—Aspects of Bilingualism—3 credits
 - LING or ED course approved by advisor—3—4 credits

Japanese: see requirements under Japanese Studies major

Russian: see requirements under Russian Studies major

4. Minimum credits required—120 credits

D. ESTIMATED IMPACT

WHAT IMPACT, IF ANY, WILL THIS HAVE ON BUDGET, FACILITIES/SPACE, FACULTY, ETC.

There should be no impact. We are not adding or eliminating courses, merely making the requirements more flexible to facilitate students' completion of the degree.

E. IMPACTS ON PROGRAMS/DEPTS:

*What programs/departments will be affected by this proposed action?
Include information on the Programs/Departments contacted (e.g., email, memo)*

We have contacted the Linguistics Program. The impact on them should be minimal, as we are actually allowing greater flexibility in the Linguistics courses that FL students can count toward their degree.

F. IF MAJOR CHANGE - ASSESSMENT OF THE PROGRAM:

Description of the student learning outcomes assessment process.)

We will not need to change our existing assessment plan. We are not making any changes to the courses offered, or major changes to the degree requirements. We are simply making official what is currently done by petition.



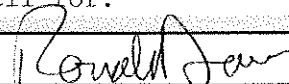
JUSTIFICATION FOR ACTION REQUESTED

The purpose of the department and campus-wide curriculum committees is to scrutinize program/degree change applications to make sure that the quality of UAF education is not lowered as a result of the proposed change. Please address this in your response. This section needs to be self-explanatory. If you drop a course, is it because the material is covered elsewhere? Use as much space as needed to fully justify the proposed change and explain what has been done to ensure that the quality of the program is not compromised as a result.


See "Change in Degree Requirements" (A) above. Our decision to make the "Two Languages" option more flexible is based on the fact that this major track was designed when the courses listed were the only courses offered. Since then, we have added a number of courses, which currently can only count toward the degree through the petition process. We also want to encourage students to participate in Study Abroad and Exchange programs, and that is easier for them to do if they do not need to fulfill such specific course requirements.

While the "Teaching" option has been popular, it has been difficult for the students to complete because it relies on regular offerings from another program (Linguistics). In many cases, students have not been able to take the required courses, and instead have had to substitute other Linguistics courses that don't really fit with the intent of the requirements. By eliminating the required LING/ED courses and allowing students to choose two electives with their advisor's approval, students who are interested in teaching should still be able to take the courses that will best assist them.

APPROVALS:

	Date	3-24-09
Signature, Chair, Program/Department of: Foreign Languages		
	Date	3-27-09
Signature, Chair, College/School Curriculum Council for: College of Liberal Arts		
	Date	3/27/09
Signature, Dean, College/School of: CLA		

ALL SIGNATURES MUST BE OBTAINED PRIOR TO SUBMISSION TO THE GOVERNANCE OFFICE

	Date	
Signature, Chair, UAF Faculty Senate Curriculum Review Committee		