#### UNIVERSITY OF MARY WASHINGTON - PROGRAM CHANGE PROPOSAL

Electronically submit this completed form with attachments in one file to the Chair of the College Curriculum Committee.

| COLLEGE (check one):                             | Arts and Sciences    | 1                            | Business | Education |  |
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| Proposal Submitted By: Jennifer Hansen-Glucklich |                      | Date Prepared: July 12, 2018 |          |           |  |
| Department /Program:                             | MDFL / German Progra | ım                           |          |           |  |

Note: for any program change entailing the addition any new courses, or revisions to existing courses, separate proposal for those course actions must also be submitted. If the proposal includes multiple changes to course credit hours that are part of the program requirements, the proposal must address all elements outlined in the "Alternative Course Model" template. The template is available at the University Curriculum Committee web page.

| PROPOSAL TO CHANGE EXISTING PROGRAM (check no than one of the following). |   |
|---|---|
| Revise requirements for existing major                                    |   |
| Revise requirements for a concentration within an existing major          |   |
| Revise requirements for an existing degree program                        |   |
| Revise requirements for existing certificate program                      |   |
| Revise requirements for existing minor Business German Hinor              | 1 |
| Implementation Date: FALL semester, year:   Fall 2019                     |   |

| PROPOSAL TO CREATE NEW PROGRAM (check no more that one of the following)                            | NOT REQUIRING STATE ACTION   |
|---|--|
| New concentration within existing major   | Name:  |
| New minor   | Name:  |
| New Major but NOT a new degree*   | Name:  |
| *Use ONLY for interdisciplinary majors that will be Sciences" degree (CIP Code 24.0101) or reported | grouped as part of the "Special Majors/General Liberal Arts and as a BLS degree (CIP Code 24.0199) |
| Implementation Date (semester and year):  |  |

# REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS FOR ALL PROPOSALS FOR PROGRAM CHANGE OR FOR NEW PROGRAMS NOT REQUIRING STATE APPROVAL:

- 1. Rationale statement (Why is this additional program needed? What purposes will it serve?)
- 2. Impact Statement (Provide details about the Library, space, budget, technology, and impacts created by this program change. Supporting statements from the Library, IT Department, etc. evaluating the resource impact and feasibility of adding the new program are required.) If the proposal involves multiple changes course credit hours that are a part of the program, the proposal must address all elements outlined in the "Alternative Course Model" template.
- 3. Catalog Copy (Provide the complete Catalog Description for the proposed new program)

4. Any change that impacts another Department must have a written statement (such as a copy of an email) from the Chair(s) agreeing to the change.

| Department Chair Approval*:    | Date:         | 9/4/18    |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|
| CCC Chair Approval: Dun M Bull | Date:         | 9/23/2018 |
| Dean Approval: Kut & Millie    | Date <u>:</u> | 9/24/18   |

BEFORE consideration by the UCC, the proposal must be approved the three levels noted above. Approval by the UCC, UFC, and Provost\*\* are noted on the proposal "status history" at the UCC web site.

<sup>\*</sup>COB and COE proposals approved by the Associate Dean.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Provost approval is required in cases of proposals for new concentrations, new minors, new majors that do not involve a new degree, or program changes involving changes to credit hours of courses in the program's requirements.

#### Rationale for the changes to the course numbers and course titles:

In their reports during the 10-year program review of 2010, the external German program reviewers¹ noted that the course numbering system is confusing for our students. Especially students in the second-year German 202 course who might be considering majoring or minoring in German, associate the next following language course, German 393, as "too hard" for them as the number suggests a big gap. Even more confused than the students currently enrolled in a UMW course are the freshmen, who have been advised by the Placement Test to take German 393 and/or 311.

Additionally, while both reviewers acknowledge the interesting content of our literature, culture, and advanced language courses, they criticize that the titles do not adequately reflect their interesting content. The reviewers note that the titles of our advanced-level courses sound boring and do not motivate students to take them. This is often the reason that students don't continue their studies at the advanced level. Especially, preconceived notions about literature ("I hate literature/poetry/plays...") let students decide against literature courses, which teach, in fact, much more cultural and social history than students would expect.

This is exemplified in the seminar German 485 "Representations of Death in German Culture" which makes ample use of German literature (including 18<sup>th</sup> century texts in their original German) and is considered "the best class" in the German program by students who claim to "hate literature."

The German program, therefore, wants to renumber and rename the 300 and 400 level German classes as indicated above. The changes shall take effect in the Fall semester of 2019.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> In fact, the program reviewers for the French and Spanish programs noted the same for those.

### Impact Statement: Change to German Minor

As a result of this program change there will be no changes in terms of library needs, space, budget, technology, or staffing. The changes are editorial and the only impact will be increased clarity in course offerings and, hopefully, increased enrollment.

# **Business German Minor**

#### Department of Modern Languages and Literature

The Business German minor is an interdisciplinary program of study that combines courses in German language and culture with selected courses in business and/or economics. The Business German minor provides the student with a basic understanding of business and economics as well as the ability to communicate about them in German in a professional context. Students also include a three-credit internship as part of their minor programs. Approved German courses from study abroad programs may also be included among the electives of the Business German minor.

## Requirements for the Business German Minor

[= Change of language as a result of renumbering of German classes and name changes of Accounting Classes]

| OLD  | NEW  |  |  |
|--|--|--|--|
| Requirements for the Minor in Business German: Twenty-six credits including  | Requirements for the Minor in Business German: Twenty-six credits including  |  |  |
| <ul> <li>GERM 393 (4cr.)</li> <li>GERM 394 (4cr.)</li> <li>GERM 313 (4cr.)</li> <li>GERM 317 or GERM 485b or GERM 485c (4cr.)</li> <li>GERM 499 or BUAD 499 or ECON 499 (for at least 1 credit)</li> <li>one of the following:</li> <li>BUAD 131+ 132 + one BUAD 300+ (3cr. each) OR</li> <li>ECON 201+ 202 + one ECON 300+ (3cr. each)</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>GERM 302 (4cr.)</li> <li>GERM 303 (4cr.)</li> <li>GERM 313 (4cr.)</li> <li>GERM 325 or any 400-level GERM course (4cr.) except for an internship or independent study courses</li> <li>GERM 499 or BUAD 499 or ECON 499 (for at least 1 credit)</li> <li>+ one of the following: <ul> <li>ACCT 101 and 102 + one upper level business course (BUAD) 300+ (3cr. each)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |  |  |
| Business German minors can take no more than 29 credits in<br>Business without applying for admission to the College of<br>Business (declaring a Business Major).  | • ECON 201+ 202 + one ECON 300+ (3cr. each)  Business German minors can take no more than 29 credits in Business without applying for admission to the College of Business (declaring a Business Major).   |  |  |