

THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT ASHEVILLE  
FACULTY SENATE

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Statement of Faculty Senate Action:

**APC Document 19 (GERM):**           **Delete GERM 340;**  
  **Add new courses, GERM 345 and 390;**  
  **Delete GERM 350 and 351, replacing them with GERM 355;**  
  **Delete GERM 425 and 484, replacing them with GERM 490**

**Effective Date: Fall 2015**

- 1. Delete:** On page 153, the entry for **GERM 340:**

**340     The German Language (3)**  
A study of the phonetic system of German and the history of the language with particular reference to the phonetic system and history of the English language.  
Prerequisite: 320 or permission of instructor. Every other year.

**Impact:** This deletion will have no known negative impact on the department or university requirements, and will not affect the department's staffing or resource needs. The revised curriculum will have other 300-level German courses the students can take.

**Rationale:** A course dedicated to the isolated study of the language is not in line with current best practices. In our language courses we integrate some of the aspects of language history and phonetics but it is of greater importance to teach skill integrated courses in which students practice the language.

- 2. Add:** On page 153, new course, **GERM 345, German with a Professional Focus:**

**345     German with a Professional Focus (4)**  
An introduction to commercial organizations and businesses in German-speaking countries and communities. Topics include business correspondence, terminology and techniques in commercial transactions. Prerequisite: GERM 220. Every other year.

**Impact:** This addition will have no known negative impact on the department or university requirements, and will not affect the department's staffing or resource needs. In this new course, students will be able to apply their language skills in a practical manner.

**Rationale:** A course with professional/business focus will be of special interest to students interested in a career that combines language and other skills.

- 3. Add:** On page 153, new course, **GERM 390, Topics in Intermediate German Studies:**

**390     Topics in Intermediate German Studies (4)**  
Intermediate level course exploring German language, culture and civilization. Topics vary and will include in-depth study of a major author, genre, period, or theme in German literature and culture, as well as oral and written presentations on topics of German language, culture and civilization. Course may be repeated as content varies.  
Prerequisite: completion of a 300-level German course. Every year.

**Impact:** This change will have no known negative impact on the department or university requirements, and will not affect the department's staffing or resource needs.

**Rationale:** Having an intermediate level topics course will allow the department to offer courses with different subject matter under a single course number, reducing the number of special topics courses required as student and faculty interest changes. The topics will vary each semester and will be noted on the schedule.

**4. Delete:** On page 152, the entries for **GERM 350 and 351:**

**350 German Civilization I (3)**

Introduction to and survey of the literary, cultural, artistic and intellectual achievements of the German-speaking peoples from their Germanic beginnings to the Age of Goethe. Prerequisite: GERM 310 or permission of instructor. Every other year.

**351 German Civilization II (3)**

Introduction to and survey of the literary, cultural, artistic and intellectual achievements, of German the German-speaking peoples from the Age of Goethe to the present. GERM 350 and 351 are normally taken in sequence. Prerequisite: GERM 310 or permission of instructor. Every other year.

**Add:** On page 152, in place of deleted entries:

**355 German Civilization (4)**

Introduction to literary, cultural, artistic and intellectual achievements, of the German-speaking peoples from the Germanic beginnings to 1945. Prerequisite: GERM 220. Every other year.

**Impact:** This change will have no known negative impact on the department or university requirements, and will not affect the department's staffing or resource needs.

**Rationale:** We are combining 350 and 351 into one course with a thematic approach. The two semester traditional approach is outdated and does not fit our more current theme and integrated language approach in the new curriculum.

**5. Delete:** On page 153, the entries for **GERM 425 and 484:**

**425 Literature Seminar (3)**

An in-depth study of a major author genre, or period, in German literature. May be repeated for credit as subject matter changes. Prerequisite: GERM 350, 351; or permission of instructor. Every year.

**484 Topics in German Studies (3)**

Oral and written presentations on topics of German language, culture and civilization. See department chair.

**Add:** On page 153, in place of deleted entries, new capstone course, **GERM 490, Topics in Advanced German Studies :**

**490 Topics in Advanced German Studies (4)**

A capstone course exploring German language, culture and civilization. Topics vary and will include in-depth study of a major author, genre, period, or theme in German literature, as well as oral and written presentations on topics of German language, culture and civilization. Course may be repeated as content varies. Students will demonstrate major competency in this course. Prerequisite: 8 hours of 300-400 level German and completion of the oral competency requirement. Every year.

**Impact:** This change will have no known negative impact on the department or university requirements, and will not affect the department's staffing or resource needs.

**Rationale:** Having an advanced level topics course will allow the department to offer courses with different subject matter under a single course number, reducing the number of special topics courses required as student and faculty interest changes. The topics will vary each semester and will be noted on the schedule. Students will demonstrate major competency in one 490 course as agreed upon with the student's adviser and approved by the department chair.