

THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT ASHEVILLE
FACULTY SENATE

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Statement of Faculty Senate Action:

APC Document 20 (GERM): **Revise requirements for the Major and Minor in German**

Effective Date: Fall 2015

1. Delete: On page 151, the entry under **Major in German:**

- I. Required courses in the major—27 hours: GERM 310, 320, 350, 351, 420, 425, 484; 6 hours at the 300 or 400 level.
- II. Required courses outside the major—None.
- III. Foreign language requirement—Satisfied by major courses in German.
- IV. Other departmental requirements—Oral competency: oral competency will be tested after GERM 320 by the assembled faculty in German. Capstone project: competency in German will be demonstrated by a capstone project consisting of research plus oral and written presentations on German language, literature or civilization to be carried out in GERM 425 or 484, as approved by the department chair. Students must satisfactorily demonstrate oral competency before undertaking the capstone project. Computer competency: students demonstrate computer competency through completion of the capstone project.

Add: On page 151, in place of the deleted item:

- I. Required courses in the major—36 hours: GERM 210, 220, 490, and 24 additional hours at the 300-400 level, to include at least 4 hours at the 400-level. Students whose level of proficiency does not allow them to start with GERM 210 will be required to complete the appropriate prerequisite courses. One half of the hours required for the major must be completed at UNC Asheville.
- II. Required courses outside the major—None.
- III. Other departmental requirements—Oral competency will be tested after GERM 320. Competency in German will be demonstrated by a capstone project completed in GERM 490. Approved by the department chair, the project will consist of research plus an oral and written presentation on German language, literature or civilization. Students must satisfactorily demonstrate oral competency before beginning the capstone project.

2. Delete: On page 151, the entry under **German with Teacher Licensure:**

- I. Required courses in the major—27 hours: GERM 310, 320, 340, 350, 351, 420, 425, 484; 3 hours at the 300 or 400 level.
- II. Required courses outside the major—See Education section of catalog.
- III. Special departmental requirements—Oral competency: oral competency will be tested after GERM 320 by the assembled faculty in German. Capstone project: competency in German will be demonstrated by a capstone project consisting of research plus oral and written presentations on German language, literature or civilization to be carried out in GERM 425 or 484, as approved by the department chair. Students must satisfactorily demonstrate oral competency before undertaking the capstone project. Computer competency: students demonstrate computer competency through completion of the capstone project.

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- II. Required courses outside the major—See Education section of catalog.
- III. Other departmental requirements—Oral competency will be tested after GERM 320. Competency in German will be demonstrated by a capstone project completed in GERM 490. Approved by the department chair, the project will consist of research plus an oral and written presentation on German language, literature or civilization. Students must satisfactorily demonstrate oral competency before beginning the capstone project.

3. Delete: On page 152, under **Minor in German:**

18 hours beyond the intermediate level including 310, 320, 350, 351, 420; three hours at the 300 or 400 level.

University-wide minimum requirements for a minor: 1) one-half of the hours required for a minor must be completed in residence at UNC Asheville, to include at least 6 hours at the 300-400 level; 2) students must have a cumulative grade-point-average of at least 2.0 on minor courses taken at UNC Asheville.

Add: On page 152, in place of deleted entry:

20 hours: GERM 210, 220, 12 additional hours at the 300-400 level, to include 4 hours at the 400 level. Students whose level of proficiency does not allow them to start with GERM 210 will be required to complete the appropriate prerequisite courses.

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Impact: The proposed changes will have no negative impact on staffing or other departmental resources. Students will begin accumulating credit hours towards their major/minor once they begin at the intermediate level.

Rationale: The primary change in the number of hours for the major reflects a decision to include two courses GERM 210 and 220 that have always been required as prerequisites but were not included in the list of major requirements in the past. This change increases transparency in the number of hours required of German majors and minors. Changing intermediate and upper division courses from three credit hours to four, and reducing the number of required courses, holds the true number of hours required to graduate approximately the same, and allows us to offer all courses on a more regular basis with the current staffing and reduce the number of individual courses needed for students to progress towards graduation.