

THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT ASHEVILLE  
FACULTY SENATE

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Statement of Faculty Senate Action:

**APC Document 40:** **Change requirements for declaring a major in Drama**

**Effective Date: Fall 2016**

**1. Delete:** On page 117, the entry under Declaration of Major in Drama:

Students who wish to declare a major in Drama should consult with the chair of the Drama Department for detailed information on fulfilling major, oral and computer competencies. Prior to declaring, all students must complete LANG 120. Students must also complete DRAM 113, and one course from DRAM 111, 121, 122 or 144 with a GPA of 2.0 or better.

**Add:** On page 117, in place of deleted entry:

Students who wish to declare a major in Drama should consult with the chair of the Drama Department for detailed information on fulfilling major, oral and computer competencies. Prior to declaring, all students must complete LANG 120. Students must also complete at least 5 hours from DRAM 111, 113, 121, 122 or 144 with a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or better.

**Impact:** This will have no resource implications.

**Rationale:** The intention of this change is to allow more flexibility to students wanting to declare a Drama major. Currently all prospective Drama majors are required to take DRAM 113, The Expressive Voice and Body in order to declare their major, regardless of their particular interests, which can sometimes delay their declaration until late in the sophomore year or later. Because of the demands surrounding participation in the production program, it is critical that students declare their major as early as possible. While DRAM 113 will continue to be a core requirement for Drama majors, we believe that other 100-level courses effectively serve to introduce students to the department. Of equal concern is the fact that transfer students cannot declare a Drama major until they have taken that particular class, regardless of how many credits they transfer because The Expressive Voice and Body is not a universally offered course at other schools. It is our intention that students who transfer into UNC-Asheville should be able to declare their major as quickly as possible if their coursework at their previous institution meets the 5 hours from the above listed courses.