

ML New Certificates 2020-2021

Context

- Decreased Enrollment.
- Elimination of Language Requirement for BA.
- Need to modernize programs and courses.
- Consultation with MLA advisor sponsored by CLAS Dean.
- Need to strategically position ML programs at WOU as desirable and reliable options for professional advancement.

2020-2021 ML Proposed Changes

- Creation of Language Certificates
 - Help with enrollment decrease.
 - Certificates have been developing rapidly in higher education.
 - Emphasize specific skills = competitive edge in the job market.
 - Transcriptable.
 - Western Oregon University in par with other institutions
 - Value for health, education, business, science, law enforcement, foreign service, non-governmental organizations, social work...
 - Provide multicultural competence, critical thinking.
 - Students improve their global citizenship learning a foreign language.

ML Proposed New Certificates

- Elementary French, German and Spanish (3 certificates).
- Intermediate French, German and Spanish (3 certificates)
- Spanish-English Interpretation and Translation.
- Spanish Bilingual/Biliteracy.
- Teaching Spanish as a Foreign Language (TSFL).
- A SPAN/SOC interdisciplinary certificate in social justice and service learning (bilingual option from SPAN).