APPROVAL FORM FOR

DEGREE PROGRAMS

MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY

NOTE: This form is a cover sheet that must accompany the degree program change proposal. The actual proposal should be prepared in accordance with format requirements provided in the *Guide and Format for Curriculum Proposals* published by the UCCC. Both cover sheet and proposal should be submitted to UCCC Mail Stop 9702 (281 Garner Hall), Phone: 325-9410.

College Arts and Sciences **Department:** CMLL

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Nature of Change: Modification **Date Initiated:** 2-11-25

Current Degree (BS, MS, etc.): Master of Arts

Current Major: Foreign Languages

Current Concentration(s): _____

Current Campus(es): ☑ **Starkville** ☐ **Meridian** ☐ **Distance** ☐ **Gulf Coast***

*Gulf Coast campus for Bagley College of Engineering onl

New Degree (BS, MS, etc.): No change

Effective Date:

Semester	**Year**
Fall	2025

**Any new program or modification desiring a starting semester other than fall must include a justification

Proposed Major: No change

Proposed Concentration(s): No change

Proposed Campus(es)

☐ Starkville
☐ Meridian
☐ Distance
☐ Gulf Coast*

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Summary of Proposed Changes:

The attached degree modification is to clean up some of the language in the catalog, reflecting Graduate School changes related to 8000 level classes. It also includes a change in the the minimum number of hours taken in the target language (e.g. French, German, Spanish: from 21 to 24 hours) required of students seeking the degree. Two minor typos in the footnotes are also corrected.

Approved: **Date:**

Robert West Digitally signed by Robert West Date: 2025.03.03 12:06:15 -06'00' — March 3, 2025

Department Head

Dana Pomykal Franz — 3/5/2025

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Chair, University Committee on Courses and Curricula

Chair, Graduate Council (if applicable)

Chair, Deans Council

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- ☐ Substantive Change to SACSCOC
- ☐ Notification to SACSCOC
- ☐ No significant departure

OIRE Representative Initials _____

MASTER OF ARTS IN FOREIGN LANGUAGES

1. CATALOG DESCRIPTION

Graduate study is offered in the Department of Classical & Modern Languages and Literatures leading to the degree of Master of Arts. Areas of study are French, German, and Spanish. The degree program is offered on the Starkville campus.

Students enrolled in the program can choose between a thesis or non-thesis track. A minimum of **24** graduate hours taught in one target language must be taken for both the thesis and non-thesis tracks. Students may pursue study in two languages if they have indicated this intent during the application process, requiring a minimum of 18 hours, **rather than 24,** in each of the chosen languages.

For the thesis track, a minimum of 9 hours must be taken at the 8000-level. For the non-thesis option, a minimum of 12 hours must be at the 8000-level. Up to 6 credit hours of Directed Individual Study credits (FL 7000) may be counted toward the 8000-level requirement. Also required for the degree is a comprehensive written and oral examination based upon all coursework taken and a departmental graduate reading list. Thesis students will also defend their thesis during the comprehensive oral examination.

2. CURRICULUM OUTLINE

CURRENT Degree Description	PROPOSED Degree Description
Degree: Master of Arts Major: Foreign Languages	Degree: Master of Arts Major: Foreign Languages
Graduate study is offered in the Department of Classical & Modern Languages and Literatures leading to the degree of Master of Arts. Areas of study are French, German, and Spanish. The degree program is offered on the Starkville campus. *Thesis and non-thesis options are available. A minimum of 21 graduate-level semester hours taught in one target language must be taken for the thesis or non-thesis M.A.; options, except for students pursuing study in two languages. Students may pursue study in two languages by taking a minimum of 18 hours in each language.* *For the thesis option, a minimum of 12 hours must be taken at the 8000-level. For the non-thesis option, a minimum of 15 hours must be at the 8000-level.* Up to 6 credit hours of Directed Individual Study credits (FL 7000) may be counted toward the 8000-level requirement. Also required for the degree is a comprehensive written and oral examination based upon all coursework taken and a departmental graduate reading list. Thesis students will also defend their thesis during the comprehensive oral examination.	Graduate study is offered in the Department of Classical & Modern Languages and Literatures leading to the degree of Master of Arts. Areas of study are French, German, and Spanish. The degree program is offered on the Starkville campus. **Students enrolled in the program can choose between a thesis or non-thesis track. A minimum of 24 graduate hours taught in one target language must be taken for both the thesis and non-thesis tracks. Students may pursue study in two languages if they have indicated this intent during the application process, requiring a minimum of 18 hours, rather than 24, in each of the chosen languages.** **For the thesis track, a minimum of 9 hours must be taken at the 8000-level. For the non-thesis option, a minimum of 12 hours must be at the 8000-level.** Up to 6 credit hours of Directed Individual Study credits (FL 7000) may be counted toward the 8000-level requirement. Also required for the degree is a comprehensive written and oral examination based upon all coursework taken and a departmental graduate reading list. Thesis students will also defend their thesis during the comprehensive oral examination.

CURRENT CURRICULUM OUTLINE	Required hours	PROPOSED CURRICULUM OUTLINE	Required hours
MASTER OF ARTS – THESIS		MASTER OF ARTS – THESIS	
FL XXXX Graduate language courses in chosen area of study[1]	*21*	FL XXXX Graduate language courses in chosen area of study[1]	**24**
Additional graduate-level coursework	*3*	Research/thesis[2]	6
Research/thesis[2]	*6*	Total Hours	30
Total Hours	30		
[1] Students are encouraged to take FL 8113 Capstone Seminar, FL 8023 Introduction to Literary Criticism, FL 8793 Foreign Language Planning, Instruction, and Assessment, and FL 8333 Cultural Studies and/or FL 8693 Advanced Foreign Language Pedagogy.		[1] Students are encouraged to take FL 8113 Capstone Seminar, FL 8023 Introduction to Literary Criticism, FL 8793 Foreign Language Planning, Instruction, and Assessment, and FL 8333 Cultural Studies and/or FL 8693 Advanced Foreign Language Pedagogy.	
[2] *Requires n oral defense* of the thesis, given during the comprehensive oral examination.		[2] **Requires an oral defense** of the thesis, given during the comprehensive oral examination.	
Note: If students pursue study in two languages, *they are are required* to have a minimum of 18 hours at the graduate level in each language, for a total of 36 hours.		Note: If students pursue study in two languages, **they are required** to have a minimum of 18 hours at the graduate level in each language, for a total of 36 hours.	
MASTER OF ARTS – NON-THESIS		MASTER OF ARTS – NON-THESIS	
FL XXXX Graduate-level courses in chosen area of study	*21*	FL XXXX Graduate-level courses in chosen area of study	**24**
FL XXXX or additional graduate-level coursework[1]	*12*	FL XXXX or additional graduate-level coursework[1]	**9**
Total Hours	33	Total Hours	33
[1] Students are encouraged to continue taking coursework in their area of study. Students are encouraged to take FL 8113 Capstone Seminar, FL 8023 Introduction to Literary Criticism, FL 8793 Foreign Language Planning, Instruction, and Assessment, FL 8333 Cultural Studies and/or FL 8693 Advanced Foreign Language Pedagogy. *Students are also encouraged to work in a minor field such as (but not limited to) History, Education, and Teaching of English as a Second Language.*		[1] Students are encouraged to continue taking coursework in their area of study. Students are encouraged to take FL 8113 Capstone Seminar, FL 8023 Introduction to Literary Criticism, FL 8793 Foreign Language Planning, Instruction, and Assessment, FL 8333 Cultural Studies and/or FL 8693 Advanced Foreign Language Pedagogy.	

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3. JUSTIFICATION AND LEARNING OUTCOMES

This degree modification includes a minor change in the catalog description to provide a clear introduction to the degree that students would earn by completing coursework in the department at the graduate level. The learning outcomes remain unchanged. Students will be able to:

- use extended discourse (multi-paragraph) in the target language on theoretical topics, consistent with the superior level of proficiency in the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) guidelines. In each course, learners will speak and write about multiple types of texts from transdisciplinary perspectives.
- collaborate with one another and their instructors to build class cohesion, appreciate divergent viewpoints, and foster intercultural competence
- demonstrate their understanding of major and minor works in the literary traditions connected to their chosen field of study by presenting material in a variety of ways (e.g., critical analyses of texts, academic research, presentations that prepare them for their specific fields of study, etc.)
- apply their knowledge of language, literature, culture and film to other areas of study (e.g., business, education, politics, etc.)

4. SUPPORT

Please see the attached letter of support.

5. PROPOSED 4-LETTER ABBREVIATION

The abbreviation for the program will remain FL.

6. EFFECTIVE DATE

Fall 2025

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Friday, February 28, 2025

Members of the UCCC:

The Curriculum Committee for Classical & Modern Languages and Literatures, following the recommendation of the graduate faculty of CMLL, approves of the attached modification to the Master's degree in Foreign Language. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,
The members of the CMLL Curriculum Committee

Dr. Brian Davisson, Chair

Dr. Scott DiGiulio

Dr. Robert Harland

Dr. Steffi Hung

Dr. Edward Potter 03/03/25

Dr. Karim Simpore