I. Background Information

J. Title of Program: Certificate of German Proficiency

K. Department(s): Foreign Languages

L. Division: [X] Undergraduate Only [ ] Undergraduate/Graduate [ ] Graduate Only
   (Requires approval by APC*) (Requires approval by APC & GC*) (Requires approval by GC*)

D. Effective Year and Term for Implementation of Action: Fall2010

II. Unit Approvals

A. Department Chair(s)  [Signature]  11/23/2009

B. Dean of College  [Signature]  12/10/2009

C. Chair, Academic Policies Committee

D. Chair, Graduate Council (if required)

* APC = Academic Policies Committee • GC = Graduate Council
III. A. Statement of Benefits to the Department(s), College, and University.

The Certificate of German Proficiency (CGP) is designed to provide students with practical and professional language skills in German, thereby complementing majors in all other disciplines across the university and strengthening the prospects of students who intend to pursue careers or graduate study in the many areas in which proficiency in German is useful.

B. Identification of target audience(s) and evidence of long-term need.

Proficiency in German will significantly strengthen the application of any candidate for research funding, an internship position or employment in an institution that is connected to a German-speaking country. Not all students are able to fulfill major or minor programs in German, but would significantly enhance career, graduate study and research opportunities through certified competence in the language.

C. Description of the academic component

including: i. Goals.

To provide students who successfully complete the program with the language skills and cultural competence to function in a German-speaking environment.

ii. Admission requirements.

Competence at the 201 level.

iii. Number and array of courses including specification of any required courses. If electives are allowed within the certificate program, an explanation of the proposed electives in light of the need for program cohesion should be included.

The CPG requires 13 credits of course work beyond German 201: German 202 (Intermediate German, 4 credits), German 314 (Oral Proficiency, 3 credits), German 315 (German for Professional Communication, 3 credits), German 358 (Introduction to Translation, 2 credits), and one credit of German 395 (Directed Studies) during which students prepare and present a translation in their major field of study.

iv. A statement identifying program prerequisites.

Students who enter the program will have demonstrated proficiency at the 201 level.
v. Specification of GPA requirements for course and certificate completion. (NOTE: Passage of every course in an undergraduate certificate program must be at the C+ level of higher; total GPA for the program must be at least 2.5. Passage of every course in a graduate certificate program must be at a 3.0 grade point average or higher; total GPA for the program must be at least 3.0.)

Passage of every course must be at the B level or higher. Upon completion of the specified courses proficiency will be measured through individual administration of a proficiency test in oral and written communication skills, reading comprehension and cultural competence.

vi. A statement outlining the certificate program's relationship to and articulation with existing degree programs and the select mission of UW-Eau Claire.

The program will complement majors in all other disciplines across the university. It will support the select mission of UW-Eau Claire to provide students with the competence to function in an international, intercultural environment.

D. Description of the administration, staffing, and budgeting for the program, including: Evidence that the faculty/staff in the department(s) are willing to teach the courses in the certificate program at the times/locations necessary for completion of the certificate.

Students in the certificate program will be integrated into courses presently being offered. Responsibility for the Directed Studies Course will be distributed as equally as possible among faculty members.

i. Proposed frequency of course offerings for courses included in the certificate program.

Courses will be offered annually in fall and/or spring semester.

ii. Proposed arrangements for ongoing advising for students in the certificate program.

German faculty members will advise students in the certificate program. iii. Anticipated need for other student support services for students enrolled in the certificate program.

Support services available at the present time are adequate for the certificate program.

- For complete information, see Policy Statement on Credit-Bearing Certificate Programs.
- Submit the original and 13 copies of the proposal to the College of Arts & Sciences Curriculum Committee (CASCC) for approval. The CASCC will route the approved proposal to APC or GC.
- After CASCC, APC, and GC (if necessary) approvals, complete the UWEC Certificate Master Form for the Registrar's Office.
- After a student has successfully completed the certificate program, complete the UW-Eau Claire Certificate Completion Form for the Registrar's Office.
iv. For certificate programs involving more than one academic department, identification of an administrative unit for the program

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