SPECIAL REPORT
of the
ACADEMIC MATTERS COUNCIL
concerning a
REVISION OF THE
CERTIFICATE IN AMERICAN ENGLISH LINGUISTICS

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The proposal calls for a minor change in the wording of the certificate description to clarify that the certificate is available to matriculated and non-matriculated students. There are no changes to any of the certificate’s requirements.

At its meeting on March 4, 2015, the Academic Matters Council voted unanimously to recommend Faculty Senate approval of the proposed change in the wording of the certificate description. It was submitted as proposal #1432 in the Course and Curriculum Management System.

MOVED: That the Faculty Senate approve the Revision of the Certificate in American English Linguistics, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 15-037.
Proposal to change the certificate program American English Linguistics

Please describe the revisions you are proposing

The existing version is below:

The Linguistics Department offers a 15-credit Certificate in American English Linguistics to students who complete a program of courses focused on the structure, usage, and dialects of American English. **This Certificate is open to anyone, regardless of whether they have been admitted to a degree program at UMass Amherst.** The requirements can be completed entirely in the classroom, or with a combination of online and classroom courses. For online course offerings, see [http://www.umassonline.net/](http://www.umassonline.net/).

You can direct inquiries about the Certificate to the Linguistics Department certificate coordinator, [Magda Oiry](mailto:Magda.Oiry@umass.edu). You don’t have to apply for admission for the Certificate, but it would be nice for you to let us know that you intend to pursue it. Once you have completed the requirements, you must contact the certificate coordinator to arrange for award of the Certificate.

The bolded sentence has to be changed to:

**This Certificate is open to anyone, matriculated and non-matriculated students, regardless of whether they have been admitted to a degree program at UMass Amherst.**

In sum, this certificate is not intended only for UMass students or 5-colleges students. Once all the courses are online which is not the case yet, any person could pursue it.

**Question:** Proposed Starting Date for Revisions to Take Effect

October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014.

Thank you,

Magda Oiry