Millersville and West Chester universities launched a new joint graduate-degree program, the Master of Arts in Languages and Cultures, in fall 2014. This single joint degree will be presented by both language departments in collaboration and coordination to facilitate the prompt and successful completion of students’ coursework. The 33-credit degree program may be completed on a full- or part-time basis.

The program contains three core seminars, totaling nine credits: LANC 501 Linguistic Studies, LANC 502 Interpretive Strategies, and LANC 503 Cultural Studies. These seminars are offered during each academic year in a distance-learning format, shared by both schools, and are taught in English to allow students in all three languages to study and work together.

Additionally, there is a general curriculum of 12-24 semester hours in the language of the student’s choice, either French, German or Spanish, which includes courses in communicative proficiencies, critical analyses and cultural competencies.

Courses will be offered in all six academic sessions of each calendar year, including both semesters, the three summer sessions and the winter session.

To complete the master’s degree, students may choose up to 12 semester credit hours from elective options, in accord with their experience, needs and future professional career plans. These include courses in other fields, such as education, nursing, marketing, criminal justice, study abroad or an internship. A minimum of six credit hours in the elective area must be completed in the target language as the language of instruction.