

IIS Division Instructional Materials/Equipment Request

WORLD LANGUAGES: Equipment Request (From Program Review)

Request: Two desktop and two laptop computers. Won't require new or renovated infrastructure. Intended destination (MCC building) already has wireless access and two available "pod" stations with no computer. Also, 30 high quality computer microphones.

Justification:

Request for this equipment comes as a result of several factors, including:

1. Adoption of an online language placement exam to aid in the processing of prerequisite clearances that are currently labor intensive and delay student assessment.
2. Lack of computers in the MCC building to support this specific use. Please note that existing MCC computers are only for faculty and staff use or designated programs.
3. Lack of available language lab and/or assessment facilities. For example, the new *Media Learning Center* doesn't have any designated space for language lab use. The ATC language lab isn't always available, since a number of instructors in other disciplines reserve it as a classroom. Lastly, the Assessment Lab where English and Math placement exams are held doesn't guarantee space and/or availability.
4. We now have an online tool to conduct language testing but if we have no designated hardware in our home base (MCC) to facilitate the testing, the prerequisite clearance process will continue to be slow and cumbersome for students who need testing. Note that the average faculty-student contact for scheduling, conducting, and grading one-on-one, traditional pencil and paper tests take between 2-5 hours.
5. Microphones needed for high-quality student recording of oral language assessments.

Intended users of the equipment: prospective students of Spanish whose prerequisite clearance process requires testing and/or verification of language skills (e.g., students may lack transcript evidence or they may have taken prerequisite courses too long ago).

Intended use of the equipment: to enable students to take the online, language placement exam (WebCAPE) was implemented at the end of Spring 2014, thanks to a donation by a community member and former student who has pledged to pay [for several years] the set up & maintenance fees.

Intended location of the equipment: MCC building for desktop computers, laptops used in the MCC or instructor offices.

• Two desktop computers:	\$3,080.00
• Two laptop computers:	\$4,554.00
• 30 high-quality microphones:	\$982.80
• 40 Apple iPads:	\$23,842.00 *
TOTAL:	\$32,459.40

* iPads are part of the special pilot project and were not included in prior Program Review.