1675: RUSSIAN LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE MINOR, UG

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Proposal Type:

Minor (ex. European Union Studies)

This proposal is for a:

Revision

Administration Details

Official Program Name

Russian Language and Literature Minor, UG

Sponsor College

Liberal Arts & Sciences

Sponsor Department

Slavic Languages and Literatures

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Does this program have inter-departmental administration?

No

Catalog Term

Desired Effective Catalog Term

Fall 2027

Effective Catalog

2027-2028

Proposal Title

Proposal Title (either Establish/Revise/Eliminate the Degree Name in Program Name in the College of XXXX, i.e., Establish the Bachelor of Science in Entomology in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, include the Graduate College for Grad Programs)

Revise the Undergraduate Minor in Russian Language and Literature in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Are there other related proposals that should be considered simultaneously with this one? If yes, please list the program keys and/or titles. Consider Majors, Minors, Concentrations & Joint Programs in your department. Please know that this information is used administratively to move related proposals through workflow efficiently and together as needed. Format your response like the following "This BS proposal (key 567) is related to the Concentration A proposal (key 145)"

Program Justification

Provide a brief description, using a numbered item list, of the proposed changes to the program.

Provide a list of numbered items of what changed and why each change was necessary.

1. The header "Introduction to Slavic culture. Select from:" was changed to "Introduction to Slavic Culture (choose one)" for clarity and to be structurally similar to other minors offered in this department.

2. The header "Russian literature and culture: Three 200-, 300- or 400-level courses from the list maintained by the undergraduate advisor, including at least one at the 300- or 400-level. Advanced Russian language (RUSS 301, 302, 305, or equivalent) can substitute for one course in this requirement." has been broken up into the header "Russian Literature and Culture" with the note "Two courses must be at the 300- or 400-level".

The "Advanced Russian language (RUSS 301, 302, 305, or equivalent) can substitute for one course in this requirement." has been removed from the program. RUSS 305 was deactivated SP23. RUSS 301 or RUSS 302 were added to the course list, rather than in the header to indicate that only one of these courses count in the minor.

Previously, there was a notation that "at least one at the 300- or 400-level" was to be taken in this category. This is confusing as the minor requires at least six hours at the 300- or 400-level. This was changed to "Two courses must be at the 300- or 400-level" in the POS to clearly show where students need to take their 300-/400- level coursework to complete the minor.

The courses added to this list include: RUSS 219, RUSS 220, RUSS 225, RUSS 260, UKR 218, POL 245, BCS 215, RUSS 320, RUSS 322, RUSS 323, RUSS 335, RUSS 418. RUSS 424, RUSS 460, RUSS 461, RUSS 465, SLAV 399, SLAV 419, SLAV 420, SLAV 430, SLAV 452, SLAV 477, SLAV 480, UKR 498, and POL 446 and were added for transparency.

3. Total hours, 18-20 hours changed to 20 hours. Previously, RUSS 201 and RUSS 202 were designated as 6-8 hours but both of these courses are 4 credit hours and should have been designated as 8 total hours in the POS. This was corrected which changed the total hours to 20.

4. There are educationally necessary prerequisites for eligibility to this minor and therefore the answer to "Are they any prerequisites for the proposed minor?" was changed to YES. Additionally, detailed information about what those consist of have been added. Student will need to have completed the Language Requirements of levels 1 & 2 in Russian. This would be equivalent to RUSS 101/102, taken in high school, prerequisite credit taken through appropriate transfer courses, or by demonstrating proficiency at the second semester level in a language proficiency examination approved by the College of LAS and the Slavic department. This is not a change to current practice but we are revising the CIM-P information for clarity for reviewers.

Instructional Resources

Will there be any reduction in other course offerings, programs or concentrations by your department as a result of this new program/ proposed change?

No

Does this new program/proposed change result in the replacement of another program?

No

Does the program include other courses/subjects outside of the sponsoring department impacted by the creation/revision of this program?

Yes

Please email the Department Head or a CIM User in the Department Head role of the units that own the courses that are impacted by the creation/revision/phase down or elimination of this program. For example, if you are adding a course, you will need support from the course owning unit to do so. Likewise, if you are removing a course or adding additional courses where enrollment in existing courses in the program of study could be impacted, you will need acknowledgement from the course owning unit. If the program has potential for perceived overlap with another unit on campus, you should have consultation with the other unit/stakeholders. Once this is complete, acknowledge that you have done so below.

Acknowledged

Indicate which departments/units/stakeholders were notified/consulted by listing the name of the department(s). For example, if you are adding a course owned by the Department of Philosophy and a course owned by the Department of Theatre and notified the units accordingly, you would include in the box below: 1. Department of Philosophy; 2. Department of Theatre.

1. Germanic Languages & Literature (SLAV 420)

Please attach any letters of support/acknowledgement for any Instructional Resources. Consider faculty, students, and/or other impacted units as appropriate.

Slavic program revision letters of support Germanic.docx

Program Features

Academic Level

Undergraduate

Does this program prepare graduates for entry into a career or profession that is regulated by the State of Illinois?

No

Program of Study

An undergraduate minor should consist of at least 16 - and no more than 21 hours - of course work, with at least 6 hours of 300- or 400- level courses. Except for clearly remedial offerings, prerequisite courses within the sponsoring unit count towards the total; prerequisite courses outside the sponsoring unit do not count toward this total. The unit sponsoring the minor and that unit's college may set educationally necessary prerequisites for eligibility for the minor within these constraints. Does this proposal meet these criteria?

Yes

Revised programs

Statement for Programs of Study Catalog

Code	Title	Hours
~~Introduction to Slavic culture. Select from:~~		~~3~~
Introduction to Slavic Culture (choose one)		**3**
RUSS 115	Intro to Russian Culture	
RUSS 261	Introduction to Jewish Culture in the Russian Empire	
SLAV 117	Russ & E Euro Science Fiction	
SLAV 120	Russian & E Euro Folktales	
~~Intermediate Russian Language:~~		~~6-8~~
Intermediate Russian Language		**8**
RUSS 201	Second-Year Russian I	
RUSS 202	Second-Year Russian II (or equivalent)	
~~Russian literature and culture: Three 200-, 300- or 400-level courses from the list maintained by the undergraduate advisor, including at least one at the 300- or 400-level. Advanced Russian language (RUSS 301, 302, 305, or equivalent) can substitute for one course in this requirement.~~		~~9~~
Russian Literature and Culture (choose three)		**9**
Two courses must be at the 300- or 400-level		
RUSS 219	Soviet and Post-Soviet Cinema Survey	
RUSS 220	Golden Age of Russian Literature	
RUSS 225	Soviet and Post-Soviet Lit	
RUSS 260	Medicine & Literature	
UKR 218	Survey of Ukrainian Literature	
POL 245	Survey of Polish Literature	
BCS 215	Yugoslavia and After	
RUSS 301	Third Year Russian I	
or RUSS 302	Third Year Russian II	
RUSS 320	Major Writers	
RUSS 322	Dostoevsky	
RUSS 323	Tolstoy	
RUSS 335	Nabokov	
RUSS 418	18th Century Literature	
RUSS 424	Modernism	
RUSS 460	Russian Culture Studies	
RUSS 461	Russia and the Other	
RUSS 465	Jewish Culture in the Russian Empire	
SLAV 399	Advanced Undergraduate Open Seminar	
SLAV 419	Russian & East European Film	
SLAV 420	Jewish Life-Writing	
SLAV 430	History of Translation	
SLAV 452	Slavic Cultural Studies	
SLAV 477	Post-Communist Fiction	
SLAV 480	Intro to Slavic Linguistics	
UKR 498	Problems in Ukrainian Lit	
POL 446	Problems of Polish Literature	
Total Hours		**20**

Program Regulation and Assessment

Plan to Assess and Improve Student Learning

Illinois Administrative Code: 1050.30(b)(1)(D) Provision is made for guidance and counseling of students, evaluations of student performance, continuous monitoring of progress of students toward their degree objectives and appropriate academic record keeping.

Are the learning outcomes for the program listed in the Academic Catalog?

Yes

Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the Russian Language and Literature Minor, students will be able to:

1. Demonstrate proficiency in Russian at a minimum of the Intermediate level on the ACTFL Proficiency Guidelines, with some control of Intermediate High functions.
2. Communicate effectively in written and spoken English.
3. Demonstrate knowledge of Russian culture and history and their broader regional contexts.
4. Analyze and interpret Russian literary and cultural texts using appropriate critical approaches and methodologies.

Did you make any revisions to the learning outcomes you copied and pasted from the current academic catalog?

No

Program Description and Requirements Attach Documents

Delivery Method

This program is available:

On Campus - Students are required to be on campus, they may take some online courses.

Enrollment

Will the department limit enrollment to the minor?

No

Describe how the department will monitor the admission to/enrollment in the minor.

Minor declaration request forms are routed to the Director of Undergraduate Studies who reviews them.

Are there any prerequisites for the proposed minor?

Yes ~~No~~

List the prerequisites including course titles and number of credit hours for each prerequisite course, and whether or not these prerequisites count in the total hours required for the minor.

There are educationally necessary prerequisites for eligibility for the minor. Student will need to have completed the Language Requirements of levels 1 & 2 in Russian. This would be equivalent to RUSS 101/102, taken in high school, prerequisite credit taken through appropriate transfer courses, or by demonstrating proficiency at the second semester level in a language proficiency examination approved by the College of LAS and the Slavic department.

Describe how this revision or phase down/elimination will impact enrollment and degrees awarded. If this is an elimination/phase down proposal include the plans for the students left in the program.

There is no anticipated impact for this revision on the degrees awarded or enrollment.

Budget

Are there budgetary implications for this revision?

No

Will the program or revision require staffing (faculty, advisors, etc.) beyond what is currently available?

No

Additional Budget Information

Attach File(s)

Program Support

Provide a brief description of the support for this program, including the financial, faculty, space, advisors/staff. Discuss plans to acquire any additional support that will be needed. If new or additional facilities or significant improvements to already existing facilities is needed, describe the Facility Need, Year 1 and 5 cost, and any other applicable notes.

The proposed program revision will be supported through existing academic, financial, advising, and instructional resources within the Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures.

Financial Support. The program revision will not require any changes to the current funding model for the Slavic department or major.

Faculty Support. The revised curriculum is built from existing Slavic studies courses already offered by the department. Existing Slavic department faculty will continue to contribute to instruction, curriculum oversight, assessment, and student mentoring.

Advising and Staff Support. Academic advising for the revised program will continue to be provided by the Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures advising staff. Existing Slavic department faculty and advising staff will oversee the revised curriculum, continue to monitor student progress toward degree completion, and continue to provide guidance regarding career and graduate school opportunities.

Space and Facilities. No new facilities are required. The revised program will continue to utilize existing classrooms, facilities, and instructional spaces available to the Slavic department.

Future Support Needs. We do not anticipate that these curriculum revisions will substantially affect the size of the Slavic Studies major, above or beyond regular program growth. Existing college and departmental resources are expected to be sufficient to support future projected enrollments, and no additional facilities or major infrastructure investments are anticipated. The revised program will utilize existing instructional and advising resources within the Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures.

Attach any supporting documents as applicable.

Library Resources

Describe your proposal's impact on the University Library's resources, collections, and services. If necessary please consult with the appropriate disciplinary specialist within the University Library.

The proposal team consulted with Joe Lenkart and Kit Condill and, based upon their input, determined that the Library's resources, collections, and services are sufficient to meet the needs of the program outlined in this proposal.

EP Documentation

EP Control Number

EP.27.061

Attach Rollback/Approval Notices

Non-EP Documentation

U Program Review Comments

Rollback Documentation and Attachment

DMI Documentation

Attach Final Approval Notices

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Russian Language and Literature

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Minor Code

1675

Conc Code

Degree Code

Major Code

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Senate Conference Approval Date

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DOE Approval Date

Effective Date:

Program Reviewer Comments

Brooke Newell (bsnewell) (Tue, 29 Sep 2026 16:15:41 GMT): Rollback: Per discussion with Melissa Reedy

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