



Proposal to the Senate Educational Policy Committee

PROPOSAL TITLE: Revisions to Graduate Minor in Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies in the Russian, East European, and Eurasian Center (REEEC) in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION: The Graduate Minor in Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies (REEES) is designed to accompany work in a regular discipline. It is intended for persons with the baccalaureate degree who are enrolled in advanced studies in any discipline and who wish, at the same time, to develop interdisciplinary knowledge of Russia, Eastern Europe, and/or Eurasia. The minor's purpose is to document a student's interdisciplinary engagement with the area as well as enough language study to be able to work in the region.

As a result of the changes to the Policy on Graduate Minors, we are requesting revisions to our minor in Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies. First we wish to reduce the number of hours required to earn the minor from 20 to 12. In addition we wish to allow one additional option to the required core course.

JUSTIFICATION:

We are requesting a reduction in the number of hours required for the minor because we find that our minor is very far from the norm on campus of 12 hours, and we feel that this has influenced our ability to formally enroll students in the graduate minor. The minor was first approved in 2006, and although we have had several students participate informally, we have had only one student formally complete the minor. The requirement of 12 hours without any overlap with major degree requirements is still substantial, but will not require other departments to support students for more than a single semester of additional coursework as the 20 hour requirement did.

For this minor, students may take as few as one (REES 550) or no courses within REEEC; the majority of the course work will be taken in other departments, which creates the multidisciplinary aspect of the minor. Courses that count toward the minor, however, are usually taught by REEEC-affiliated faculty in various departments across campus.

Other aspects of the program are not changing. There are no prerequisites for the graduate minor. At this time the Center does not foresee a need to limit enrollment in the minor and the small uptick in enrollment in the required courses will be beneficial. The department has an admissions application form that can be completed by any student enrolled in a Grad College master's or doctoral program. The form requires the pertinent signatures. The REEEC Office Support Associate will continue to monitor the admission process for the minor. The Center director serves as the director of graduate studies and adviser for the M.A. program. This individual will also serve as adviser for students in the REEES Studies minor. As with the current M.A. degree and undergraduate major and minor, the Associate Director will be responsible for certifying that the requirements for the graduate minor in Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies have been met.

There are currently 3-4 students working on the minor who have not yet filed their minor petitions. We would like to see that number grow to 8-10 enrolled with the changed requirements. This is a desired increase, and the administrators listed all have the capacity to serve these additional students as well as those anticipated in the associated Proposal for Revisions to the Graduate Minor in Balkan Studies.

BUDGETARY AND STAFF IMPLICATIONS:

- a. Additional staff and dollars needed:

None. Current staffing at REEEC and affiliated faculty in departments across campus already serve the current minor sufficiently.

- b. Internal reallocations (e.g., change in class size, teaching loads, student-faculty ratio, etc.):

The primary effect will be an increase in students for the Director to advise. This is a desired increase, and both the Director and the other individuals listed above all have the capacity to serve these additional students as well as those anticipated in the associated Revision to the proposal for Revisions to Graduate Minor in Balkan Studies.

- c. Effect on course enrollment in other units and explanations of discussions with representatives of those departments:

Based on experience with the current minor, there should be no noticeable effect on enrollments in other departments. The current minor was discussed and approved at the REEEC Faculty Assembly, which included faculty from across campus, at the end of the 2003–2004 academic year. Current modifications were discussed and approved by the REEEC Executive Committee, which includes members from the Departments of Anthropology, History, Library and Information Science, Law, Music, and Slavic Languages and Literature.

- d. Impact on the University Library:

Our library already has stellar holdings and resources for the study of the region. The Slavic and East European Library is one of the best in the nation (certainly the

best among state universities) and is surpassed in the size of its collections only by Harvard, Columbia, and the Library of Congress.

- e. Impact on computer use, laboratory use, equipment, etc.:

Revisions will have no net impact, as this involves students already enrolled in Grad College MA and PhD programs.

DESIRED EFFECTIVE DATE: *Upon approval*


STATEMENT FOR PROGRAMS OF STUDY CATALOG: (no other portions of the POS change, except for below)

Graduate Minor in Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies: The Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies graduate minor is designed for M.A. or Ph.D. students in other disciplines who desire to complement their degree program with interdisciplinary study of Russia, Eastern Europe, and Eurasia. A program of study can be tailored to the needs and interests of the individual student in consultation with Center staff; for admission to the program contact the Center.


Required Courses:	Required Hours
REES 550 or LIS 530 (Students may take both courses, in which case one can count toward the elective courses requirement.)	4 Hours
Electives: (4 hours at the 500 level) At least 8 graduate hours that relate to Russia, Eastern Europe, or Eurasia chosen from a list maintained by REEEC and taken outside of the student's enrolling department.	8 Hours
Language Requirement: A minimum of two years or equivalent college-level study of a language of the area. For professional work in the region or scholarly research on area topics at least three years of relevant language study are recommended.	
Total Hours	12 Hours
Other Requirements:	
A research paper primarily on the region. Normally, this paper would be written in a research seminar course in a disciplinary department. A master's thesis or doctoral dissertation can be submitted in lieu of the research paper, if it deals primarily with the region. Students are encouraged to present their work in a public forum at the University, such as the REEEC Noontime Scholars lecture series.	

CLEARANCES: (Clearances should include signatures and dates of approval. **These signatures must appear on a separate sheet.** If multiple departments or colleges are sponsoring the proposal, please add the appropriate signature lines below.)

Signatures:


Unit Representative:

8/22/13
Date:


College Representative:

2/17/14
Date:


Graduate College Representative:

4/2/14
Date:

Appendix A: Proposed Curriculum Revisions

Current Requirements:	Current Hours	Revised Requirements:	Revised Hours
<i>Major Core Requirement</i>		<i>Major Core Requirement</i>	
LIS 530	4 Hours	REES 550 or LIS 530 (Students may take both courses, in which case one can count toward the elective courses requirement.)	4 Hours
Electives (8 hours at the 500 level) that relate to Russia, Eastern Europe, or Eurasia, 12 of which must be taken outside the student's enrolling department.	16 Hours	Electives: (4 hours at the 500 level) At least 8 graduate hours that relate to Russia, Eastern Europe, or Eurasia chosen from a list maintained by REEEC and taken outside of the student's enrolling department.	8 Hours
Language Requirement: must have a minimum of two years of college-level study of a language of the region		Language Requirement: A minimum of two years or equivalent college-level study of a language of the area. For professional work in the region or scholarly research on area topics at least three years of relevant language study are recommended.	
Total Hours	20 Hours	Total Hours	12 Hours
Other Requirements:		Other Requirements:	
Students must also submit a research paper primarily on the region.		A research paper primarily on the region. Normally, this paper would be written in a research seminar course in a disciplinary department. A master's thesis or doctoral dissertation can be submitted in lieu of the research paper, if it deals primarily with the region. Students are encouraged	

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April 4, 2014

Gay Miller, Chair
Senate Committee on Educational Policy
Office of the Senate
228 English Building, MC-461

Dear Professor Miller:

Enclosed is a copy of a proposal from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the Graduate College to revise the graduate minor in Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies.

The proposal has been reviewed and approved by the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences as well as the Graduate College Executive Committee. It now requires Senate review.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Kristi A. Kuntz'.

Kristi A. Kuntz
Assistant Provost

Enclosures

c: K. Carney
D. Cooper
M. Lowry

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April 2, 2014

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Kristi Kuntz
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Dear Kristi,

Enclosed please find the proposal for revisions to the Graduate Minor in Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies in the Russian, East European, and Eurasian Center (REEEC) in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

The Graduate College Executive Committee has approved this proposal. I send it to you now for further review.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John C. Hart'.

John C. Hart
Associate Dean, Graduate College

c: A. Edwards
A. Kopera
M. Lowry

**Senate Educational Policy Committee
Proposal Check Sheet**

PROPOSAL TITLE (Same as on proposal): Revisions to Graduate Minor in Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies in the Russian, East European, and Eurasian Center (REEEC) in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

PROPOSAL TYPE (select all that apply below):

A. Proposal for a NEW or REVISED degree program. Please consult the Programs of Study Catalog for official titles of existing degree programs.

1. Degree program level:

Graduate Professional Undergraduate

2. Proposal for a new **degree** (e.g. B.S., M.A. or Ph.D.):

Degree name, "e.g., *Bachelor of Arts or Master of Science*": _____

3. Proposal for a new or revised **major, concentration, or minor**:

New or Revised **Major** in (name of existing or proposed major): _____

New or Revised **Concentration** in (name of existing or proposed concentration): _____

New or Revised **Minor** in (name of existing or proposed minor): Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies

4. Proposal to rename an existing major, concentration, or minor:

Major Concentration Minor

Current name: _____

Proposed new name: _____

5. Proposal to terminate an existing degree, major, concentration, or minor:

Degree Major Concentration Minor

Name of existing degree, major, or concentration: _____

6. Proposal involving a multi-institutional degree:

New Revision Termination

Name of existing Illinois (UIUC) degree: _____

Name of non-Illinois partnering institution: _____

Location of non-Illinois partnering institution:

State of Illinois US State: _____ Foreign country: _____

- B. Proposal to create a new academic unit (college, school, department, program or other academic unit):

Name of proposed new unit: _____

- C. Proposal to rename an existing academic unit (college, school, department, or other academic unit):

Current name of unit: _____

Proposed new name of unit: _____

- D. Proposal to reorganize existing units (colleges, schools, departments, or program):

1. Proposal to change the status of an existing and approved unit (e.g. change from a program to department)

Name of current unit including status: _____

2. Proposal to transfer an existing unit:

Current unit's name and home: _____

Proposed new home for the unit: _____

3. Proposal to merge two or more existing units (e.g., merge department A with department B):

Name and college of unit one to be merged: _____

Name and college of unit two to be merged: _____

Proposed name and college of new (merged) unit: _____

4. Proposal to terminate an existing unit:

Current unit's name and status: _____

- E. **Other educational policy proposals** (e.g., academic calendar, grading policies, etc.)

Nature of the proposal: _____

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