

**PROPOSAL TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL POLICY TO
ESTABLISH OR MODIFY AN UNDERGRADUATE MINOR**

Title of the Proposed Minor: **Minor in Hindi Studies, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences**

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Brief Description of the Program of Study:

The Department of Linguistics proposes the creation of an Undergraduate minor in Hindi Studies. The minor in Hindi is being proposed as a single language centered minor similar to minors in other languages (French, German, Spanish, Italian, Portuguese) in the School of Languages, Cultures, and Linguistics.

Justification: Enrollments in the Hindi program have been consistently steady at a rate much higher than the national average and a large number of students have expressed a keen interest in broadening and complementing their disciplinary majors with a minor in Hindi Studies. Adding a minor in Hindi will also expand the scope and focus of International studies at UIUC by offering students the chance to opt for a focused and deeper knowledge of Hindi language and culture that is considered a national priority by the US Department of Education and the federal government. The newly hired Hindi lecturer (Dr. Mishra) has a long experience in teaching Hindi and other related languages (Maithili, Magahi, and Bhojpuri), and literature. Professor Pandharipande is teaching a new course titled "The Language and Culture of India" and Dr. Mishra is developing a new course on Business Hindi (to be taught in Spring 2009). Professor Bhatt has significant research interest in South Asian linguistics and Sociolinguistics. The Department of Linguistics, the Hindi Program, and UIUC have the necessary staff and curricular program to develop a minor in Hindi Studies.

It does not overlap with the South Asian Studies Minor which is a (geographic) area centered minor with courses and instruction on South Asian religions (Hinduism and Islam), Economics, Sociology, History, Gender studies, etc. primarily in English. Also, the change in status of India from a 'Third World'/underdeveloped country to an economic superpower and the entry into India of several US and global corporations in banking, insurance, computer technology, automobile, advertising, consumer goods, agricultural products, etc. has created a significant demand for professionals (from a wide variety of disciplines) who can use their in-depth knowledge of Hindi language and culture in business and social contexts, especially in non metropolitan areas.

Budgetary and Staff Implications:

a. No additional staff or dollars needed for the proposed minor. The department of Linguistics has a full time instructor of Hindi, Arabic is well-covered, and Sanskrit is handled on a tutorial basis when necessary.

b. No impact on internal reallocations (change in class size, teaching loads, student-faculty ratio, etc.) We anticipate no significant changes in class size, teaching loads or student-faculty ratios.

c. No effect on course enrollment in other departments- all courses required for the minor are controlled by the Department of Linguistics.

d. No impact on library, computer use, laboratory use, equipment, etc. The computer teaching facilities will be adequate for the level of enrollment we expect in the program. Existing library resources are more than adequate for this program, as the university already supports a PhD in Linguistics, a MA in Asian Studies, and an undergraduate minor in South Asian studies.

Requirements:

The minor will require 19-21 hours of coursework:

- 10 hours of Hindi language instruction beyond the 3rd semester.
- 6 hours of Indian/South Asian linguistics (formal linguistics and/or sociolinguistics)
- 3-5 hrs of a language which has been a rich source of vocabulary of Modern Hindi

Prerequisites for the Minor:

Knowledge/ability to enter HNDI 404.

Expected enrollment in the minor: We expect the number of students in the minor to reach 20, with adequate advertising.

Admission to the Minor:

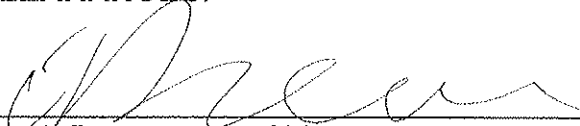
The Coordinator of the Hindi Program will monitor admission to the minor.

Minor Advisor: Coordinator of Hindi Program in consultation with the Head of the Linguistics Department

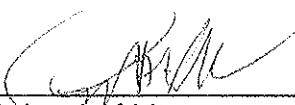
Certification of successful completion:

The Coordinator of Hindi Program will certify the successful completion of all requirements. The college of the student will confirm whether the minor has been completed, based on the course work designated by LAS. If a Minor Modification Form is needed, LAS will review the course substitutions, in consultation with the Department of Linguistics if needed, and approve completion of the minor with the college of the student.

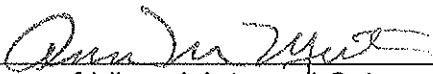
CLEARANCES:



Head, Department of Linguistics 10-2-08
Date



School of Literatures, Cultures and Linguistics 10-3-08
Date



College of Liberal Arts and Sciences 1/22/09
Date

Provost, UIUC Date

Chair, Senate Educational Policy Committee Date

Proposed Effective Date: upon approval

Statement for the Programs of Study Catalog:**Minor in Hindi Studies**

The minor in Hindi Studies is designed for students interested in receiving training in processing and using Hindi in a wide variety of authentic (from informal to institutional) contexts. Students will be encouraged to read authentic Hindi material from different genres and registers (including Hindi print media). Completion of the minor requires at least 19 hours in applicable courses.

Hours	Requirements
10	Hindi language requirement
	HNDI 404 Intermediate Hindi II HNDI 405 Advanced Hindi I HNDI 406 Advanced Hindi II
6	Two Courses in Indian Linguistics/sociolinguistics (to be chosen from the following list in consultation with advisor)
	LING 115 Language and Culture in India HNDI 412 Business Hindi LING 111 Language in Globalization
3-5	One historically significant language course related to Modern Hindi or a course on Indian/South Asian Literature
	SNSK 201 Elementary Sanskrit I SNSK 202 Elementary Sanskrit II ARAB 201 Elementary Standard Arabic I ARAB 202 Elementary Standard Arabic II PERS 201 Elementary Persian I PERS 202 Elementary Persian II HNDI 408 Intro to South Asian Lit
	Students with prior knowledge of any of the languages mentioned above can also meet the 3-5 credit requirement by taking upper level courses of these languages.
19-21	Total