

PROPOSAL TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL POLICY

TITLE OF THE PROPOSAL: Revision of the BALAS: Russian Language and Literature

SPONSOR: Harriet Murav, Head Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures, 3-9275

College Contact: Associate Dean Ann Mester, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, 3-1350

BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

1. Lower the number of hours required in the Russian authors sequence from 9 to 6 hours.
2. Revision to list of courses for the various sequences required in the major (Russian Language, Russian Literature, Literature Survey, Authors courses, and Literature and cultures courses) to allow more flexibility.

JUSTIFICATION:

The proposed changes will allow students to take advantage of the full array of courses offered by the department including new courses as they are created.

BUDGETARY AND STAFF IMPLICATIONS:

There are no budgetary or staff implications.

- a. Additional staff and dollars needed
- b. Internal reallocations (e.g., change in class size, teaching loads, student-faculty ratio, etc.)
- c. Effect on course enrollment in other units and explanations of discussions with representatives of those departments
- d. Impact on the University Library (*A letter of acknowledgement from the University Librarian must be included for all new program proposals.*)
- e. Impact on computer use, laboratory use, equipment, etc.

DESIRED EFFECTIVE DATE: upon approval.

CLEARANCES:

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Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures

3-17-09
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School of Literatures, Cultures and Linguistics

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Office of the Provost

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STATEMENT FOR PROGRAMS OF STUDY CATALOG:

RUSSIAN LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

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Russian is spoken by some 250 million people and is used by many more in Russia and the countries of Eastern Europe. Russian is the language of one of the world's great literatures. Training in Russian can lead to careers in teaching, the creative arts, community work, governmental service, journalism, and research in many areas. Many students majoring in other fields find it useful to learn Russian as a valuable tool of communication and research. This major is sponsored by the Department of Slavic Languages and Literature.

Major in Sciences and Letters Curriculum

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Degree title: Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences

Minimum required major and supporting courses equate to 48 hours including 12 hours in advanced Russian Language and 24 hours in Russian Literature.

General education: The LAS General Education requirements are set up so students automatically complete the Campus General Education requirements.

Minimum hours required for graduation: 120 hours

Departmental distinction: GPA in departmental courses of 3.75; or GPA in departmental courses of 3.50, plus successful completion of RUSS 493; or GPA in departmental courses of 3.50, plus successful completion of academic study trip to the former Soviet Union, documented by graded transcript. See a departmental adviser to work out details, preferably two semesters before graduation.

Hours	Requirements
12	Russian language: A minimum of 12 hours beyond RUSS 201-202 ¹
24	Russian Literature. A minimum of 24 hours is required in the following 5 sections:
	Introduction to Slavic Studies (3 hours) select from:
	UKR 113–Ukrainian Culture
	SLAV 117–Russ & East Euro Science Fiction
	SLAV 120–Slavic Folklore
	Literature Survey (6 hours):
	Any two 200-level literature survey course in Russian or Slavic
	Authors courses (6 hours)

	Any two 300-level author courses in Russian or Slavic Literature and cultures courses (6 hours)
	Any two 400-level literature or culture courses in Russian or Slavic except RUSS 470
	RUSS 470–Russian Advanced Studies (3 hours) ²
12	Supporting coursework: A minimum of 12 hours selected from the following:
	Studies in Western Culture (3 hours) Select from:
	CWL 241–Lit Europe & the Americas I
	CWL 242–Lit Europe and the Americas II
	HIST 260–Survey of Russian History
	Electives (9 hours) Select from:
	Courses on Russia, the former Soviet Union, or East Europe (offered by such units as anthropology, art history, architecture, Asian studies, cinema studies, communications, economics, education, geography, history, music, philosophy, political science, religious studies, sociology, theatre). See the Russian and East European Center for a list of current course offerings. or
	200- and 300-level courses in a Slavic language other than Russian, as indicated on a list maintained by the undergraduate advisor, or 500 level Russian language courses. or
	Additional course work in the Slavic Department or another literature program or department. or
	Students completing a double-major or a minor in another department need no supporting work.

1. The Language requirement may also be satisfied with a proficiency examination. A student who places beyond the fourth year of Russian language is exempt from the language requirements for the major. Please contact the Russian Language Coordinator to schedule a proficiency exam.

2. This requirement may be fulfilled by RUSS 493 Honors Senior Thesis.

Substitutions may be made with adviser approval.

All foreign language requirements must be satisfied.

A Major Plan of Study Form must be completed and submitted to the LAS Student Affairs Office before the end of the fifth semester (60 - 75 hours). Study abroad courses may be substituted for major and minor requirements with approval of adviser.

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

Title of the minor: Revision of the Minor in Russian Language and Literature

Sponsoring unit(s): Harriet Murav, Head Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures, 3-9275

College Contact: Associate Dean Ann Mester, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, 3-1350

Brief description of the program of study: Total number of hours required for the minor are not changing. We are revising the courses students may choose from for the various sections of the minor to align the minor with the Russian Language and Literature Major. The minor will continue to provide a comprehensive study in a single discipline.

Justification: The Russian Language and Literature Major was revised in 2004, but the minor was not updated to match the revised major.

Budgetary and Staff Implications: There are no budgetary, course or staff implications for the revisions proposed for the minor.

- a. Additional staff and dollars needed
- b. Internal reallocations (e.g. change in class size, teaching loads, student-faculty ratio, etc.)
- c. Effect on course enrollment in other departments and explanations of discussions with representatives of those departments
- d. Impact on library, computer use, laboratory use, equipment, etc.

Requirements: 18-20 total hours: 3 hours of Intro to Slavic courses; 6-8 hours of Intermediate Russian Language courses; 3 hours of Advanced Russian Language; 6 hours of Russian Literature courses.

Prerequisites for the minor: RUSS 101 Beginning Russian I and RUSS 102 Beginning Russian II; or equivalent.

Expected enrollment in the minor: 30 students.

Admission to the minor: All students wishing to be admitted to the minor may do so only in consultation with the undergraduate advisor.

Minor advisor: Students will be advised on an individual basis by the undergraduate advisor, who maintains a list of courses that fulfill the requirements for the minor.

Certification of successful completion: 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 Slavic Languages and Literatures if needed, and approve completion of the minor with the college of the student.

Proposed Effective Date: Fall 2009

Statement for the Programs of Study Catalog:

Minor in Russian Language and Literature

A minor in Russian language and literature may be useful and enriching for students in many disciplines, from economics and political science through comparative literature and theatre to engineering and mathematics. The 18- to 20-hour program listed below provides considerable flexibility within a general structure. Additional information may be obtained from the undergraduate adviser in the Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures.

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Hours	Requirements
3	Introduction to Slavic culture. Select from:
	UKR 113-Ukrainian Culture
	SLAV 117- Russ & E Euro Science Fiction
	SLAV 120- Slavic Folklore
	Other courses from a list of introductory courses maintained by the undergraduate advisor.
6-8	Intermediate Russian Language:
	RUSS 201–Second-Year Russian I
	RUSS 202–Second-Year Russian II; or equivalent
3	Advanced Russian Language:
	RUSS 301–Third Yr Russian I
	RUSS 302–Third Yr Russian II; or equivalent
6	Russian literature: Two 200-, 300- or 400-level courses from the list maintained by the undergraduate advisor.
18-20	Total required hours

CLEARANCES:

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Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures Date

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School of Literatures, Cultures and Linguistics Date

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College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Date

Chair, Senate Educational Policy Committee: Date