

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

**Title of the proposed minor:** Proposal to Establish a New Minor in Slavic Language, Literature, and Culture, in the Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures, College of Liberal Arts.

**Sponsoring unit(s):** Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures, David L. Cooper, Associate Professor, Director of Undergraduate Studies, 244-4666, [dlcoop@illinois.edu](mailto:dlcoop@illinois.edu)

**COLLEGE CONTACT:** Karen Carney, Associate Dean, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, [kmcarney@illinois.edu](mailto:kmcarney@illinois.edu)

**Brief description of the program of study:** Please explain how the proposed minor meets each of the following criteria:

- The minor program of study should require some depth in the subject, but not as extensive as the major.
- Ordinarily, the minor should be 1) a comprehensive study in a single discipline, or 2) an interdisciplinary study focusing on a single theme. If this minor is an exception, please explain and justify.

The proposed Slavic minor is related to proposed revisions to the BALAS in Russian Language and Literature. That revision involves the creation of Slavic concentrations which mirror the requirements we propose for the new Slavic Language, Literature, and Culture Minor. The minor requires 18-20 hours, as opposed to the 30 hours required for the major.

**Justification:** The Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures has long been known for its strength in Russian language and literature, and we have for many years offered a major and minor in Russian Language and Literature. Now, however, about half of the students taking a Slavic language in the department are taking a language other than Russian: Czech, Polish, Serbian/Croatian, Ukrainian. The department has experienced particular demand for programs of study pertaining to the languages and cultures of students from large heritage communities in the Chicago area; for historical reasons, many of these students have no interest in a program defined as "Russian." The proposed minor in Slavic Studies would give these and other students an option for minoring in the department. The new minor requirements follow those of the established Russian Language and Literature minor, but with some added flexibility in coursework and language requirements. We anticipate that many students will choose to specialize in a specific area (Polish, Ukrainian, etc.). An example of a specialization in Polish is noted in the Programs of Study entry.

**Budgetary and Staff Implications:**

- a. **Additional staff and dollars needed.** The department has recently hired a visiting lecturer in Ukrainian (funded externally) as well as a visiting instructor and language program coordinator who can teach Polish, and already has tenure-stream faculty to support Polish (Prof. Gasyna), Czech (Prof. Cooper), and Ukrainian (Prof. Sobol). Federal Title VI funding through REEEC is currently covering Bosnian-Croatian-Serbian language and culture courses. This minor is designed to be viable with current staffing levels, and is flexible enough to remain viable even if we find we have to scale back in one of the Slavic language areas other than Russian.
- b. **Internal reallocations** (e.g. change in class size, teaching loads, student-faculty ratio, etc.) We expect that adding Slavic minors will enable us to increase enrollment in the upper-level language courses we already offer; it may give us an opportunity to offer some language and literature courses that are on the books but offered very infrequently and usually as overloads (independent studies, in essence) due to smaller enrollments (CZCH 484, POL 245 and 446, SLAV 277). Requirements between this minor and the Russian minor overlap so as to provide maximal flexibility in departmental offerings without causing problems for either program.
- c. **Effect on course enrollment in other departments and explanations of discussions with representatives of those departments:** Please see attached statements from colleagues teaching relevant courses in other units. We anticipate very minimal additions—perhaps one or two at a time might be added to their established courses on the region.
- d. **Impact on library, computer use, laboratory use, equipment, etc.** There would be no need for additional classroom space; no impact on the library, the collection of which is more than adequate to serve this minor; and no additional requirements for computers or other equipment. See attached letter endorsing the revised Russian major.

**Requirements:** See the Programs of Study Catalog statement below

**Prerequisites for the minor:** Completion of the elementary level of one of the languages taught in the department (CZCH 101 & 102, POL 101 & 102, SCR 101 & 102, UKR 101 & 102)

**Expected enrollment in the minor:** 4–8 students per graduating class

**Admission to the minor:** We use the standard minor declaration form and monitor enrollments through the ATLAS site for departmental advising reports.

**Minor advisor:** Students will be advised by the department's Director of Undergraduate Studies, with assistance from faculty connected to the language of specialization. The Director of Undergraduate Studies will maintain lists of appropriate courses for satisfying the requirements of the minor for the various tracks that might be chosen.

**Certification of successful completion:** DARSweb will be used to check the minor requirements and their completion.

CLEARANCES:

Chf Fil SLL 8/29/2012

Head/chair of the sponsoring department or unit:  
*Jean-Philippe Lefebvre, Actina Diacron, SLL*

*Karen M Carney*

Dean of the college of the sponsoring department or unit:

Chair, Senate Educational Policy Committee:

**Proposed Effective Date:** August 2013

## Statement for the Programs of Study Catalog:

### Minor in Slavic Language, Literature, and Culture

A minor in Slavic language, literature, and culture 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.

In completing the requirements for the minor, students may choose to pursue study of a particular Slavic language and culture, or may combine study of a single language with other courses that treat the region more broadly. For example, a student could specialize in Polish by taking POL 201, 202, 301 for the language and POL 115, POL 245 Survey of Polish Literature, and HIST 467 Eastern Europe for the literature and culture requirements. Please consult the Undergraduate Advisor to choose coursework.

Additional information may be obtained from the undergraduate adviser in the Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures. E-mail: [slavic@illinois.edu](mailto:slavic@illinois.edu)

Hours	Requirements
3	<b>Introduction to Slavic culture.</b> Select from:
	POL 115 - Intro to Polish Culture
	REES 200 - Intro to Russia and Eurasia
	REES 201 - Introduction to Eastern Europe
	RUSS 261 - Intro to Russian-Jewish Culture
	SCR 115 - South Slavic Culture
	UKR 113-Ukrainian Culture
	SLAV 117- Russ & E Euro Science Fiction
	SLAV 120- Slavic Folklore
6-8	<b>Intermediate Slavic Language.</b> Select from:
	CZCH 201 & 202 – Second-Year Czech, or equivalent; or
	POL 201 & 202 – Second-Year Polish, or equivalent; or
	SCR 201 & 202 – Second-Year Serbian & Croatian, or equivalent; or
	UKR 201 & 202 – Second-Year Ukrainian, or equivalent
9	<b>Slavic Literature and Culture:</b> 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. <i>Advanced Slavic language</i> (the 301 or 302 level of the language of specialization, or equivalent) can substitute for one course in this requirement. Also, one course at the same level in another department, chosen in consultation with the advisor, that treats the history, culture, and society of the region can count toward this requirement.
18-20	Total required hours

## **Appendix A**

### **List of Slavic Literature and Culture Courses**

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 Slavic language* (the 301 or 302 level of the language of specialization, or equivalent) can substitute for one course in this requirement.

- POL 245 - Survey of Polish Literature
- RUSS 260 – Medicine & Russian Literature
- SLAV 277 - Slavic Literature Survey
- UKR 218 - Survey of Ukrainian Lit
- POL 446 - Problems of Polish Literature
- REES 495 - Seminar in Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies
- RUSS 418 - 18th Century Literature
- RUSS 424 - Russian Modernism
- RUSS 438 - Modern Russian Poetry
- RUSS 444 - Problems in Romanticism
- RUSS 445 - Problems in Realism
- RUSS 460 - Russian Cultural Studies
- RUSS 461 - Russia and the Other
- RUSS 465 - Russian-Jewish Culture
- RUSS 466 - Russian Women's Writing
- RUSS 474 - Russian Literary Translation
- SLAV 417 - 11th-17thC Russ Lit & Lang
- SLAV 419 - Russian & East European Film
- SLAV 430 - History of Translation
- SLAV 452 - Slavic Cultural Studies
- SLAV 477 - Post-communist Fiction
- SLAV 480 - Intro to Slavic Linguistics
- UKR 498 - Problems of Ukrainian Lit
- YDSH 420 - Jewish Life-Writing (same as SLAV 420)

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April 1, 2013

Gay Miller, Chair  
Senate Committee on Educational Policy  
Office of the Senate  
228 English Building  
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Dear Professor Miller:

Enclosed is a copy of a proposal from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to establish an undergraduate minor in Slavic Language, Literature, and Culture.

This proposal has been approved by the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Committee on Courses and Curricula. It now requires Senate review.

Sincerely,

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

Kristi A. Kuntz  
Assistant Provost

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Enclosures

Cc: Abbas Benmamoun  
Karen Carney  
David Cooper  
Michael Finke

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March 20, 2013

Kristi Kuntz  
Assistant Provost  
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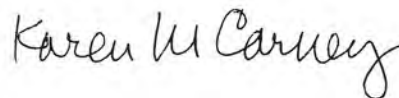
Dear Kristi:

The Committee on Courses and Curricula on behalf of the Faculty of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences has voted to approve the following proposals from the Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures:

**Establish a Minor in Slavic Language, Literature, and Culture**  
**Revise the Minor in Russian Language and Literature**

Please address all correspondence concerning these proposals to me. These proposals are now ready for review by the Senate Educational Policy Committee for proposed implementation Fall 2013.

Sincerely,



Karen M. Carney  
Associate Dean

enclosures

C: Professor David Cooper  
Professor Michael Finke  
Professor Abbas Benmamoun

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September 28, 2012

Professor Michael Finke  
Head, Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures  
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Dear Dr. Finke:

Thank you for your recent request from the University Library for comment on a series of proposals you are preparing for the Senate's Educational Policy Committee. The four proposals that you included in your communication with our personnel, include:

- Proposed Revisions to the Major in Russian Language and Literature, in the Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.
- ~~Proposal to Establish a New Major in Slavic Language, Literature and Culture, in the Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures, College of Liberal Arts.~~
- Proposal to Revise the Minor in Russian Language and Literature, in the Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures, College of Liberal Arts.
- Proposal to Establish a New Minor in Slavic Language, Literature, and Culture, in the Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures, College of Liberal Arts.

The Library has a substantial and long-standing commitment, in terms of both budgetary and staff allocations, to developing one of the Western world's leading collections in Slavic languages, literatures and cultures, and to technical and reference services relating to these areas. The Library is, therefore, well-positioned to provide the necessary services and materials in support of these proposals.

If additional services or materials are required as the program develops, we will be happy to discuss securing the requisite resources with the program sponsors.

Sincerely,

Paula Kaufman  
Juanita J. and Robert E. Simpson  
Dean of Libraries and University Librarian

c: Thomas Teper  
Kit Condill  
Larry Miller



**Senate Educational Policy Committee  
Proposal Check Sheet**

**PROPOSAL TITLE** (Same as on proposal): Proposal to Establish a Minor in Slavic Language, Literature, and Culture, in the Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures, 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): Slavic Language, Literature, and Culture

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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