

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

**Title of the proposed minor:** Minor in Turkish Studies (College of Liberal Arts and Sciences)

**Sponsoring unit(s):**

Department of Linguistics, Ayse Ozcan, Lecturer, 217-333-3563, aozcan@illinois.edu

**College Contact:** Kelly Ritter, Associate Dean for Curricula and Academic Policy, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, [ritterk@illinois.edu](mailto:ritterk@illinois.edu), 333-1350

**Brief description of the program of study:**

This proposal is to establish an undergraduate minor in Turkish studies. The minor program of study aims to introduce students to modern Turkey, and enable students to be able to communicate and read in the authentic language. Through a required six hours of advanced level Turkish language courses (for students who do not already have equivalent credit in the language), three hours in Turkish Language and Culture, and nine additional hours in courses relevant to Turkey/Ottoman Empire chosen from approved offerings in the humanities and social sciences, students will study an aspect of Turkish language and culture from an interdisciplinary perspective. This perspective will include analyses in several disciplines, such as history, anthropology, political science, religion and music. The total 18 hours required in the minor will provide some depth in the subject, guiding students who wish to pursue further postgraduate work in the field, or connect this minor to a related major field of study.

**Justification:** Undergraduate students who are particularly interested in Turkey are currently able to take relevant courses, but do not have an option to obtain a degree in Turkish. These students have requested that a minor be created. At present, most of these students pursue another interdisciplinary minor instead. This proposed minor will meet the current demands of students who wish to pursue a program in this area. We expect to increase enrollments in the Turkish program as the minor is implemented, making the Turkish program more visible to all students on campus and more competitive with other interdisciplinary programs.

At other major universities in the United States—for example, at the University of Arizona, Georgetown University, Columbia University, Yale University, Duke University, The University of California, Berkeley, and Harvard University— Turkish Studies is a popular field of study. It is a similarly popular field worldwide (e.g., Leiden, London School of Economics, Copenhagen, Oslo). Students who complete the minor in Turkish Studies will be qualified to seek jobs in a variety of settings, including academia, business, research institutions, national security jobs, and diplomatic missions.

**Budgetary and Staff Implications:**

- a. Additional staff and dollars needed

None; the small number of minors projected will not result in the need for additional funding or staff.

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

The resulting students in the minor will not adversely affect our ability to offer our Turkish language classes at the current course caps.

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

Letters of support from units where students may elect to take courses for the minor (Anthropology, French and Italian, History, Political Science, REEEC, Religion, Sociology, School of Music) as well as Illinois International Programs, are attached.

- d. Impact on library, computer use, laboratory use, equipment, etc.

None

### **Requirements:**

The proposed minor in Turkish Studies requires 18 hours of coursework. This includes a new core culture course (3 credit hours) on Turkey, TURK 270-Language and Culture in Turkey, which will be offered for the first time in Fall 2019, coinciding with the proposed implementation date of the minor. Students must also complete two advanced language courses (6 hours), TURK 405 and 406; those students who do not have advanced level proficiency will need to take Elementary and Intermediate level courses (TURK 201, 202, 403, and/or 404) first. Students who are fluent in Turkish may contact the program advisor in order to take a proficiency test demonstrating advanced level proficiency. Students who test out of the advanced language requirement (TURK 405-406) must take 6 additional hours of advanced (300- or 400-level) coursework from the list of Turkey/Ottoman Empire electives.

In addition to the 9 hours of coursework in Language and Culture and in advanced Turkish, above, the minor requires three additional courses, chosen from the list included with this proposal. Students may work with the program advisor to select courses from the list that are relevant to their academic interests and chosen career path(s). Three hours of Study Abroad may count as hours toward the minor if it is determined by the program advisor to be equivalent to other required coursework at UIUC.

**Prerequisites for the minor:** Completion of TURK 404 or placement into Advanced Turkish, for those who come to the minor with prior experience in the Turkish language.

**Expected enrollment in the minor:** 6-8 for the first few years, with a modest increase thereafter, once the program is fully established.

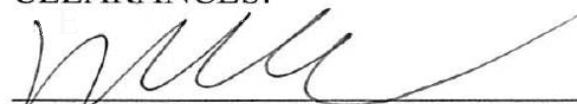
**Admission to the minor:** Students will be required to meet with the minor advisor, who must sign the “Statement of Intent to Pursue a Campus-Approved Minor” form before the student submits it to the LAS Student Academic Affairs Office.

**Minor advisor:** The Director for the Turkish Language Program, Ayse Ozcan, Lecturer in Linguistics, will advise students enrolled in the minor through email and one-on-one meetings. In addition, the Turkish Language Program website will have information about the minor requirements once the minor has been fully approved.

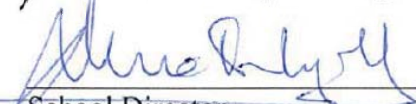
**Certification of successful completion:** The college where the student is enrolled will confirm whether the minor has been completed, based on the course work designated. If a Minor Modification Form is needed, the college offering the minor will review the course substitutions, in consultation with the department sponsoring the minor if needed, and approve completion of the minor with the college of the student.

**Proposed Effective Date:** Fall 2019

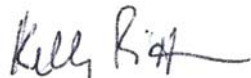
CLEARANCES:



Head/chair of the sponsoring department or unit:



School Director



Dean of the college of the sponsoring department or unit:

Chair, Senate Educational Policy Committee:

### Statement for the Academic Catalog:

The minor in Turkish Studies is designed for students interested in developing their understanding of Turkey as a complement to their disciplinary major. Completion of the minor requires at least 18 hours in applicable courses.

Hours	Requirement
6	<p><b>Language Requirement<sup>1</sup></b></p> <p>TURK 405: Advanced Turkish I TURK 406: Advanced Turkish II</p>
3	<p><b>Turkish Language and Culture</b></p> <p>TURK 270: Language and Culture in Turkey</p>
9	<p><b>Additional Courses related to Turkey/Ottoman Empire</b></p> <p>To be chosen from the following list or from other applicable courses in consultation with the minor advisor:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ANTH 402 : Transnational Islam: Europe - US</li> <li>• ANTH 488: Modern Europe</li> <li>• EURO 415: Europe and the Mediterranean</li> <li>• HIST 135: History of Islamic Middle East</li> <li>• HIST 335: Middle East 1556-1914</li> <li>• HIST 337: Middle East since World War I</li> <li>• HIST 396: Special Topics (when focused on Turkey)</li> <li>• HIST 439: The Ottoman Empire</li> <li>• HIST 463: The Modern Balkans through Literature and Film</li> <li>• HIST 466: The Balkans</li> <li>• FR 418: Language &amp; Minorities in Europe</li> <li>• MUS 418 Regional Studies in Musicology(when focused on Turkey)</li> <li>• PS 152: The New Middle East</li> <li>• PS 347: Government and Politics of the Middle East</li> <li>• REL 213: Intro to Islam-ACP OR REL 214 : Intro to Islam</li> <li>• REL 223: The Qur'an (Koran)</li> <li>• REL 403: Women in Muslim Societies</li> <li>• REL 408 : Islam and Politics in the Middle East</li> <li>• REL 480: Islamic Law</li> <li>• REL 482: Muslim-Christian Interactions</li> <li>• REES 201: Introduction to Eastern Europe</li> <li>• SOC 483: Middle Eastern Societies &amp; Cultures</li> <li>• Study abroad course(s) relevant to Turkey (maximum of 3 hours; must be approved by the advisor)</li> <li>• TURK 490: Special Topics in Turkish</li> </ul>
18	<b>Total Hours</b>

1. Students who test out of the advanced language requirement (405-406) must take six additional hours of advanced (300- or 400-level) coursework from the list of Turkey/Ottoman Empire electives.



**COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS & SCIENCES**

Department of Anthropology  
109 Davenport Hall, MC-148  
607 S. Matthews Ave.  
Urbana, IL 61801-3636

July 13, 2018

The Department of Anthropology hereby approves of the proposal to create an undergraduate minor in Turkish Studies. We acknowledge that ANTH 402, ANTH 488, ANTH 403 and a proposed course ANTH 272 (cross-listed at TURK 270) have been listed as electives for this minor. The Anthropology department is willing to accommodate any additional students in this or any other Anthro course who may enroll as a consequence of this new minor.

Sincerely,

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Virginia R. Dominguez

Interim Department Head,  
Anthropology, UIUC

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS  
AT URBANA-CHAMPAIGN

European Union Center  
International Programs and Studies  
328 International Studies Building, MC-429  
910 S. Fifth Street  
Champaign, IL 61820  
USA



To whom it may concern,

The European Union Studies program hereby approves of the proposal to create an undergraduate minor in Turkish Studies. We acknowledge that EURO 415 has been listed as a required elective for this minor. The EU Studies program is willing to accommodate any additional students in this or any other EURO course who may enroll as a consequence of this new minor.

Sincerely,

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Carla Santos  
European Union Center  
Director



## COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS & SCIENCES

Department of History  
309 Gregory Hall, MC-466  
810 S. Wright St.  
Urbana, IL 61801-3697

Sept. 12, 2018

Dear Colleagues,

The History Department strongly welcomes the creation of an undergraduate minor in Turkish Studies. Among our faculty, we include several faculty members who work on the Middle East, the Ottoman Empire and Central Asia. These include Maria Todorova, who is a Center for Advanced Study professor and holder of a distinguished chair. We currently have half a dozen Ph.D. students working in these areas. Historically, this has been a major strength of our graduate program and are students do very well on the job market.

The courses listed in the proposed minor that are controlled by our department - HIST 135, 335, 337, 396, 439, 463, 466, 434 – all have surplus capacity. We would very much welcome additional students in these classes. We think this minor could be appealing to a group of undergraduate students and we would be glad to cooperate with other units in integrating our courses into the minor.

Sincerely,

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Clare Crowston

Professor and Chair

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS  
AT URBANA-CHAMPAIGN

Department of Political Science  
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences  
1407 West Gregory Drive  
420 David Kinley Hal, MC-713  
Urbana, IL 61801



To whom it may concern,

The Department of Political Science hereby approves of the proposal to create an undergraduate minor in Turkish Studies. We acknowledge that PS 418, PS 347, PS 152, and PS 408 have been listed as required electives for this minor. The Department of Political Science is willing to accommodate any additional students in these courses, subject to seat availability, who may enroll as a consequence of this new minor.

Sincerely,

Thomas Rudolph  
Department of Political Science  
Interim Associate Head for Undergraduate Programs





**COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS & SCIENCES**

Russian, East European & Eurasian Center  
104 International Studies Building, MC-487  
910 S. Fifth St.  
Champaign, IL 61820-6216

August 27, 2018

To whom it may concern,

The Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies program hereby enthusiastically supports of the proposal to create an undergraduate minor in Turkish Studies. We acknowledge that REES 201 has been listed as a required elective for this minor. The REEES program is willing to accommodate any additional students in this or any other REES course who may enroll as a consequence of this new minor.

Sincerely,

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Donna A. Buchanan

Russian, East European, and Eurasian Center

Director



**COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS & SCIENCES**

Department of Religion  
3080 Foreign Languages Building, MC-160  
707 S. Mathews Ave.  
Urbana, IL 61801-3643

May 29, 2018

Dr. Ayse Ozcan  
Turkish Program Coordinator and Lecturer  
Department of Linguistics

Dear Dr. Ozcan:

The Department of Religion approves listing the following courses in the minor in Turkish studies:

- REL 213 – Introduction to Islam (Advanced Composition)
- REL 214 – Introduction to Islam
- REL 223 – The Qur'an (Koran)
- REL 403 – Women in Muslim Societies
- REL 408 – Islam and Politics in the Middle East
- REL 480 – Islamic Law
- REL 482 – Muslim-Christian Interactions

Sincerely yours,

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Valerie J. Hoffman  
Professor and Head



**School of Music**

College of Fine and Applied Arts  
Music Building, M/C 056  
1114 West Nevada Street  
Urbana, Illinois 61801

August 30, 2018

To whom it may concern:

The School of Music hereby approves of the proposal to create an undergraduate minor in Turkish Studies. We acknowledge that MUS 418 (Regional Studies in Musicology) has been listed as a required elective for this minor when the topic is appropriate (for example: Music of Bulgaria, Greece, and Turkey; Music of the Mediterranean; Music of the Middle East). We also acknowledge that MUS 252S (Ethnomusicology Performance Ensembles: Balkanalia)/450S (Advanced Ensemble Music: Balkanalia), a music ensemble that performs Turkish and other Turkish-influenced regional repertory, has been listed as a suitable elective for this minor, for those musically inclined students who meet the required criteria for this group. The School of Music and its Musicology Division are willing to accommodate any additional students who may enroll in these or other topically appropriate musicology classes as a consequence of this new minor.

Sincerely yours,

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Jeffrey Magee  
Director, School of Music  
University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign  
1114 W. Nevada Street  
Urbana, IL 61801



**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY**

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences  
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Urbana, IL 61801 USA

Dr. Ayse Ozcan  
Turkish Program Coordinator and Lecturer  
Department of Linguistics  
4080 Foreign Languages Building, MC-168  
Urbana, IL 61801 USA

24 May 2018

Dear Professor Ozcan,

I write in my capacity as Interim Head to approve Sociology 483 (Middle Eastern Societies and Cultures) for inclusion in the Minor in Turkish Studies.

Sincerely,

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Brian Dill  
Interim Head  
Associate Professor of Sociology  
dill@illinois.edu



## ILLINOIS INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

Illinois Abroad & Global Exchange  
124 International Studies Building, MC-480  
910 S. Fifth St.  
Champaign, IL 61820 USA

August 13, 2018

Dear Colleagues,

This letter is to provide support on behalf of the Turkish Program in their proposal for a Turkish Studies minor. Illinois Abroad and Global Exchange provides the comprehensive program management, student advising, and administrative structures for student mobility for undergraduate students across the university who seek to participate in university-approved international programs that have shown rigor academically, measures in place for student safety and security, and depth of intercultural learning opportunities.

In recent years, we have monitored Turkish study abroad and exchange opportunities carefully with the Office of International Safety and Security, who have approved individual student petitions to study abroad there.

As we seek to be a collaborative partner in the provision of educative experiences that foster intercultural competence and inspire global engagement for students at the University of Illinois, we are pleased to work more intentionally with academic units across the campus toward this vision.

Please let me know if you need further information from us. I may be reached at [joypha@illinois.edu](mailto:joypha@illinois.edu) or 217-244-0523.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joy Phaphouvaninh'.

Joy Phaphouvaninh  
Director, Illinois Abroad and Global Exchange  
Office of the Vice Provost for International Affairs & Global Strategies  
Illinois International Programs

**COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS & SCIENCES**

Office of the Dean  
2090 Lincoln Hall  
702 S. Wright St.  
Urbana, IL 61801

November 1, 2018

Kathryn Martensen  
Associate Provost  
Office of the Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs  
207 Swanlund Administration Building  
MC-304

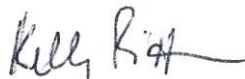
Dear Kathy:

The Committee on Courses and Curricula and Executive Committee of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences has voted to approve the following proposal:

**Establish an Undergraduate Minor in Turkish Studies**

This proposal is now ready for review by the Senate Educational Policy Committee for proposed implementation in Fall 2019.

Sincerely,



Kelly Ritter  
Associate Dean

enclosures

C: Professor James Yoon  
Professor Elena Delgado