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5032: INTERDISCIPLINARY MINOR IN THE STUDY OF THE ISLAMIC WORLD, UG

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Proposal Type:

Minor (ex. European Union Studies)

This proposal is for a:

Revision

Administration Details

Official Program Name

Interdisciplinary Minor in the Study of the Islamic World, UG

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Does this program have inter-departmental administration?

No

Catalog Term

Desired Effective Catalog Term

Fall 2027

Effective Catalog

2027-2028

Proposal Title

Proposal Title (either Establish/Revise/Eliminate the Degree Name in Program Name in the College of XXXX, i.e., Establish the Bachelor of Science in Entomology in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, include the Graduate College for Grad Programs)

Revise the Undergraduate Interdisciplinary Minor in the Study of the Islamic World in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Are there other related proposals that should be considered simultaneously with this one? If yes, please list the program keys and/or titles. Consider Majors, Minors, Concentrations & Joint Programs in your department. Please know that this information is used administratively to move related proposals through workflow efficiently and together as needed. Format your response like the following "This BS proposal (key 567) is related to the Concentration A proposal (key 145)"

Program Justification

Provide a brief description, using a numbered item list, of the proposed changes to the program.

Provide a list of numbered items of what changed and why each change was necessary.

1. The header “Completion of a fourth semester course in an Islamic language (e.g. Arabic, Turkish, Swahili, Wolof). Select courses from the approved course list.” has been revised to “Completion of a fourth semester course in a language spoken in a predominantly Muslim country or region (e.g. Arabic, Turkish, Persian, Swahili, Wolof) chosen from the following:” Fourth-level language courses that meet this criterion (ARAB 404, TURK 404, PERS 404, SWAH 404, WLOF 404, and LCTL 202, LCTL 301, and LCTL 302) have been added to the POS. This change makes the terminology more precise and inclusive by distinguishing language from religious identity and describing the geographic and cultural context rather than labeling the languages themselves as “Islamic.” The course list allows students to know what qualifies.

2. The header "For students that have already completed the fourth semester course in a language spoken in a predominantly Muslim country they must choose one of the following:" was added to separate fourth semester courses from courses that are beyond the fourth semester for transparency. The qualifying course list has been added to the POS and includes: ARAB 405, ARAB 406, ARAB 407, ARAB 408, ARAB 409, ARAB 410, ARAB 412, ARAB 413, LING 404, PERS 453, and PERS 454.

3. While the course list HIST 135, SAME 152, and REL 214 remains the same, the header "Select one of the following:" was changed to "Core Course Requirement (choose 1):" to distinguish Core from Elective course options and to make the POS more clear to students.

4. The header "Electives" separating Core from Electives (see justification 3) was added to the POS and the list of courses that qualify have been added. The previous note "Additional courses chosen from the approved course list. The courses must come from at least two disciplines. At least six hours must be at the 300- or 400-level." was retained as a comment under this new designation (removing "Additional courses chosen from the approved course list." now Electives). This list, once internal to the department, has been added to the POS for transparency. These courses include: AAS 258, ARAB 150, ARAB 490, CWL 189, CWL 471, CWL 481, HIST 135, HIST 213, HIST 335, HIST 337, HIST 338, HIST 439, LA 222, PS 152, PS 347, REL 214, REL 223, REL 260, REL 343, REL 481, SAME 152, SAME 250, TURK 270, and TURK 490.

4. Total hours for the minor have changed from 19 to 18-20. Previously, the hours associated with "Completion of a fourth semester course in an Islamic language (e.g. Arabic, Turkish, Swahili, Wolof). Select courses from the approved course list." was listed as 4 hours. However, the list of courses includes courses that range in credit hours from 3 to 5, reducing the minimum by one.

Instructional Resources

Will there be any reduction in other course offerings, programs or concentrations by your department as a result of this new program/ proposed change?

No

Does this new program/proposed change result in the replacement of another program?

No

Does the program include other courses/subjects outside of the sponsoring department impacted by the creation/revision of this program?

Yes

Please email the Department Head or a CIM User in the Department Head role of the units that own the courses that are impacted by the creation/revision/phase down or elimination of this program. For example, if you are adding a course, you will need support from the course owning unit to do so. Likewise, if you are removing a course or adding additional courses where enrollment in existing courses in the program of study could be impacted, you will need acknowledgement from the course owning unit. If the program has potential for perceived overlap with another unit on campus, you should have consultation with the other unit/stakeholders. Once this is complete, acknowledge that you have done so below.

Acknowledged

Indicate which departments/units/stakeholders were notified/consulted by listing the name of the department(s). For example, if you are adding a course owned by the Department of Philosophy and a course owned by the Department of Theatre and notified the units accordingly, you would include in the box below: 1. Department of Philosophy; 2. Department of Theatre.

1) Department of Asian America Studies
2) Department of Religion
3) Department of Comparative World Literature
4) Department of Landscape Architecture
5) Department of History
6) Department of Political Science
7) Department of Linguistics

Please attach any letters of support/acknowledgement for any Instructional Resources. Consider faculty, students, and/or other impacted units as appropriate.

AAS Support Letter Request for Interdisciplinary Minor in the Study of the Islamic World, UG.pdf
REL Support Letter Request for Interdisciplinary Minor in the Study of the Islamic World, UG.pdf
CWL Support Letter Request for Interdisciplinary Minor in the Study of the Islamic World, UG.pdf
LA Support Letter Request for Interdisciplinary Minor in the Study of the Islamic World, UG.pdf
HIST Support Letter Request for Interdisciplinary Minor in the Study of the Islamic World, UG.pdf
PS Support Letter Request for Interdisciplinary Minor in the Study of the Islamic World, UG.pdf
ARAB:LING:PERS:WLOF:SWAH:TURK - Support Letters Request for Interdisciplinary Minor in the Study of the Islamic World, UG.pdf
Re: REL Support Letter Request for Interdisciplinary Minor in the Study of the Islamic World, UG.pdf

Program Features

Academic Level

Undergraduate

Does this program prepare graduates for entry into a career or profession that is regulated by the State of Illinois?

No

Program of Study

An undergraduate minor should consist of at least 16 - and no more than 21 hours - of course work, with at least 6 hours of 300- or 400- level courses. Except for clearly remedial offerings, prerequisite courses within the sponsoring unit count towards the total; prerequisite courses outside the sponsoring unit do not count toward this total. The unit sponsoring the minor and that unit's college may set educationally necessary prerequisites for eligibility for the minor within these constraints. Does this proposal meet these criteria?

Yes

Revised programs

Statement for Programs of Study Catalog

Code	Title	Hours
~~Completion of a fourth semester course in an Islamic language (e.g. Arabic, Turkish, Swahili, Wolof). Select courses from the approved course list.~~		~~4~~
~~Select one of the following:~~		~~3~~
Language Requirement		**3-5**
Completion of a fourth semester course in a language spoken in a predominantly Muslim country or region (e.g. Arabic, Turkish, Persian, Swahili, Wolof) chosen from the following:		
ARAB 404	Intermediate Stand Arabic II	
TURK 404	Intermediate Turkish II	
PERS 404	Intermediate Persian II	
SWAH 404	Intermediate Swahili II	
WLOF 404	Intermediate Wolof II	
LCTL 202	Intermediate Course in a Less Commonly Taught Language II (Course will be counted towards the minor when the language is relevant to the world area or thematic focus)	
LCTL 301	Advanced Course in a Less Commonly Taught Language I (Course will be counted towards the minor when the language is relevant to the world area or thematic focus)	
LCTL 302	Advanced Course in a Less Commonly Taught Language II (Course will be counted towards the minor when the language is relevant to the world area or thematic focus)	
For students that have already completed the fourth semester course in a language spoken in a predominantly Muslim country they must choose one of the following:		
ARAB 405	Advanced Standard Arabic I	
ARAB 406	Advanced Standard Arabic II	
ARAB 407	Topics Stand Arabic Lang&Lit I	
ARAB 408	Topics Stand Arabic LangLit II	
ARAB 409	Adv Top Stand Arabic LangLit I	
ARAB 410	AdvTop Stand Arabic LangLit II	
ARAB 412	Business Arabic	
ARAB 413	Arabic-English Translation	
LING 404	Tutorials in Non-Western Lang	
PERS 453	Advanced Persian I	
PERS 454	Advanced Persian II	
Core Course Requirement (choose 1):		**3**
HIST 135	History of Islamic Middle East	

REL 214	Introduction to Islam	
~~Additional courses chosen from the approved course list. The courses must come from at least two disciplines. At least six hours must be at the 300- or 400-level.~~		~~12~~
SAME 152	The New Middle East	
Electives		**12**
The courses must come from at least two disciplines. At least six hours must be at the 300- or 400-level.		
AAS 258	Muslims in America	
ARAB 150	Lang&Culture of Arab World	
ARAB 490	Readings in Advanced Arabic	
CWL 189	Literatures of the Islamic World	
CWL 471	International Lit Relations (when relevant to the thematic focus)	
CWL 481	Topics in Arabic Literature & Culture	
HIST 135	History of Islamic Middle East (if not taken to fulfill the Core Course Requirement)	
HIST 213	African Muslim Societies	
HIST 335	Middle East 1566-1914	
HIST 337	Middle East Since World War I	
HIST 338	Egypt Since World War I	
HIST 439	The Ottoman Empire	
LA 222	Islamic Gardens & Architecture	
PS 152	The New Middle East	
PS 347	Gov & Pol of Middle East	
REL 214	Introduction to Islam (if not taken to fulfill the Core Course Requirement)	
REL 223	The Qur'an (Koran)	
REL 260	Mystics and Saints in Islam	
REL 343	Islamic Philosophy	
REL 481	Islamic Ethics	
SAME 152	The New Middle East (if not taken to fulfill the Core Course Requirement)	
SAME 250	Introduction to Middle East Studies	
TURK 270	Language and Culture in Turkey	
TURK 490	Special Topics in Turkish	
Minimum Total Hours		**18-20**

Program Regulation and Assessment

Plan to Assess and Improve Student Learning

Illinois Administrative Code: 1050.30(b)(1)(D) Provision is made for guidance and counseling of students, evaluations of student performance, continuous monitoring of progress of students toward their degree objectives and appropriate academic record keeping.

Are the learning outcomes for the program listed in the Academic Catalog?

Yes

Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completing this minor, students will have obtained:

1. introductory interdisciplinary knowledge of regions that have been historically predominantly Muslim and today have predominant Muslim populations;

2. knowledge of the cultures and societies of these regions in a broader international and global context, including its various historical, cultural, social, economic and political conditions that shaped the development of the region; and

3. proficiency in a language of a predominantly Muslim country or region. ~~N/A~~

Did you make any revisions to the learning outcomes you copied and pasted from the current academic catalog?

Yes

Program Description and Requirements Attach Documents

Delivery Method

This program is available:

On Campus - Students are required to be on campus, they may take some online courses.

Enrollment

Will the department limit enrollment to the minor?

No

Describe how the department will monitor the admission to/enrollment in the minor.

The CSAMES Associate Director will serve as the advisor for the minor and monitor admission and enrollment. ~~N/A~~

Are there any prerequisites for the proposed minor?

Yes ~~No~~

List the prerequisites including course titles and number of credit hours for each prerequisite course, and whether or not these prerequisites count in the total hours required for the minor.

Completion of the third semester course in a language spoken in a predominantly Muslim country or region (e.g. Arabic, Turkish, Persian, Swahili, Wolof).

Describe how this revision or phase down/elimination will impact enrollment and degrees awarded. If this is an elimination/phase down proposal include the plans for the students left in the program.

These changes are not expected to increase the enrollments or degrees awarded.

Budget

Are there budgetary implications for this revision?

No

Will the program or revision require staffing (faculty, advisors, etc.) beyond what is currently available?

No

Additional Budget Information

Attach File(s)

Program Support

Provide a brief description of the support for this program, including the financial, faculty, space, advisors/staff. Discuss plans to acquire any additional support that will be needed. If new or additional facilities or significant improvements to already existing facilities is needed, describe the Facility Need, Year 1 and 5 cost, and any other applicable notes.

No new resources are needed expressly to support these revisions, as the proposed changes can be implemented using existing faculty expertise, advising and administrative support, instructional facilities, and departmental resources, with no additional facility needs or associated costs anticipated in Years 1 through 5.

Attach any supporting documents as applicable.

Library Resources

Describe your proposal's impact on the University Library's resources, collections, and services. If necessary please consult with the appropriate disciplinary specialist within the University Library.

The proposal team consulted with Mara Thacker and, based upon their input, determined that the Library's resources, collections, and services are sufficient to meet the needs of the program outlined in this proposal.

EP Documentation

EP Control Number

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Attach Rollback/Approval Notices

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Non-EP Documentation

U Program Review Comments

Rollback Documentation and Attachment

DMI Documentation

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Banner/Codebook Name

Interdisciplinary Minor in the Study of the Islamic World

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Minor Code

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Conc Code

Degree Code

Major Code

Senate Approval Date

Senate Conference Approval Date

BOT Approval Date

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HLC Approval Date

DOE Approval Date

Effective Date:

Program Reviewer Comments

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