



Proposal to the Senate Educational Policy Committee

PROPOSAL TITLE:

Establish the Jewish Studies Concentration within the BALAS in Interdisciplinary Studies

SPONSOR:

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COLLEGE CONTACT:

Diane Musumeci, Associate Dean, Liberal Arts and Sciences, musumeci@illinois.edu, 3-1350.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

We wish to create a concentration that provides students with knowledge of the Hebrew language, the opportunity to begin a study of Yiddish, and a broad appreciation of Jewish religion, culture, and history. Previously, students could study Hebrew language with the Hebrew Language and Linguistics Concentration within the Department of Linguistics. However, the Department of Linguistics has requested to discontinue the linguistics concentration, and the Hebrew language courses have been moved to the Program in Jewish Culture and Society.

A formal request to discontinue the Hebrew Language and Linguistics Concentration is forthcoming.

JUSTIFICATION:

After four years under new leadership, the Program in Jewish Culture and Society (PJCS) is poised to take the next curricular step to meet student demand in Jewish Studies, namely the establishment of a Jewish Studies Concentration within the BALAS in Interdisciplinary Studies. This would succeed a much older concentration that was housed in Linguistics, dating to a time when Hebrew was within that department. The language is now housed in the PJCS. More importantly, the PJCS has grown from an interdisciplinary unit with about a dozen faculty affiliates to one with nearly 40. As a consequence, our offerings have multiplied and greatly diversified. Hebrew continues to be important. But other areas -- such as Eastern European history and culture and Holocaust Studies -- are even more prominent. A Jewish Studies Concentration within the BALAS in Interdisciplinary Studies would reflect this expansion and make Jewish Studies an even more attractive option for our students.

The major would offer students an opportunity to study in depth the academic discipline of Jewish Studies in all of its well-established facets. Students will have a choice of interdisciplinary courses with which to fulfill the major, ranging from the study of Judaism as a religion to the

3,000-year tradition of literature and philosophy in its broad context in the histories of the Near East, Europe, and the Americas. Majors in Jewish Studies will be in an excellent position to pursue graduate programs in Jewish Studies as well as cognate disciplines, including history, anthropology, literature, and religious studies. Some students may choose to go on to a career in the Jewish social world (e.g., in Jewish education or social service agencies) or one of the rabbinical seminaries.

The major in Jewish Studies replaces the old Hebrew concentration in the Department of Linguistics with its exclusive focus on language, while retaining a strong language component, essential to any competency in the study of Jewish culture. The emphasis on interdisciplinary cultural and historical study as well as the strong language component differentiate the Jewish Studies major from the concentration in Judaism within the major offered by the Department of Religion. The Religion faculty unanimously support the creation of the Jewish Studies major.

Curricular oversight and decisions regarding additional courses counting toward the three basic rubrics of Religion, Culture, and History will be made by the Executive Committee of the Program in Jewish Culture and Society, made up of tenure-line faculty affiliated with the Program. Advising for individual students pursuing the major will be provided by the Associate Director of the Program in Jewish Culture and Society whose purview also includes serving as the Director of Undergraduate Studies. Professor Bruce Rosenstock currently serves in this capacity.

BUDGETARY AND STAFF IMPLICATIONS:

- a. Additional staff and dollars needed: No additional staff beyond the current full-time position in Hebrew language instruction (now Dr. Yore Kedem).
- b. Internal reallocations (e.g., change in class size, teaching loads, student-faculty ratio, etc.) No changes. Advising will continue to be handled by our current Associate Director. Other faculty members in PJCS will also be available to provide support.
- c. Effect on course enrollment in other units and explanations of discussions with representatives of those departments: No effect (the existing capacity in the courses is sufficient to accommodate increased enrollments).
- d. Impact on the University Library. No impact.
- e. Impact on computer use, laboratory use, equipment, etc. No impact (no special multimedia classrooms are required and the existing language facilities suffice).

DESIRED EFFECTIVE DATE: Fall 2013

STATEMENT FOR PROGRAMS OF STUDY CATALOG:

Liberal Arts and Sciences

www.las.illinois.edu

Head of Unit: Associate Dean for the Humanities

Office: 2090 Lincoln Hall, 702 South Wright Street, Urbana, IL 61801

Interdisciplinary Studies Majors

Departments in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, in addition to their own disciplinary majors, have developed and sponsor an interdisciplinary program of study, which encompasses several distinct programs designed to acquaint students in a coherent manner with topics that cross disciplinary boundaries. Administered by the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, the interdisciplinary studies major includes program concentrations in American Civilization, Jewish Studies, Medieval Civilization, and Renaissance Studies. Although it is not possible to offer concentrations in all specialties or topics of humanistic study, students whose interests do not coincide with one of the specific concentrations are encouraged to consider developing their own programs through the Individual Plans of Study (IPS) major. Enrollment in the major in interdisciplinary studies requires election of one of the concentrations. The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences also sponsors an Interdisciplinary Minor in Science and Technology in Society.

Each concentration of the major in interdisciplinary studies is supervised by faculty members whose own scholarship and educational interests have involved them in interdisciplinary teaching and research. An advisor for students is available in each concentration and is responsible for approving students' plans of study.

Major in Sciences and Letters Curriculum

E-mail: ips@illinois.edu

Degree title: Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences

Minimum required major and supporting course work equates to 45-51 hours.

General education: Students must complete the Campus General Education requirements.

Minimum hours required for graduation: 120 hours

Departmental distinction. To be eligible for graduation with distinction, a student must have a college grade point average of 3.5, a major concentration grade point average of 3.5, completion of HUM 498 with a grade of A, and completion of a semester paper in 498 that is judged to be deserving of "distinction" by a committee of at least two faculty members.

High distinction. To be eligible for graduation with high distinction, a student must have a college grade point average of 3.5, a major concentration grade point average of 3.7, and must have completed HUM 492 (instead of HUM 498) with a grade of A and a thesis

in 492 that is judged to be deserving of "high distinction" by a committee of at least two faculty members.

Requirements for the Major

Elect one of the concentrations offered within the major and file a concentration declaration with the LAS Student Academic Affairs Office no later than the end of the first semester of the junior year. Students who do not begin work on concentration requirements by the junior year will be at a disadvantage.

Select specific courses counted toward completion of a concentration with the advice and approval of the concentration advisor, subject to specific concentration requirements. Students are strongly encouraged also to enroll in 6-7 hours of Western civilization (HIST 140 or 141 and 142 or 143, or CWL 241 and 242).

For the elected concentration, complete the stated minimum number of hours in courses applicable toward the major and in accord with the distribution requirements listed below; at least 25 hours must be at the 200,300 or 400 level.

All campus General Education and foreign language requirements must be satisfied.

American Civilization Concentration

No change

Jewish Studies Concentration

This concentration provides the student with knowledge of the Hebrew language, the opportunity to begin a study of Yiddish, and a broad appreciation of Jewish religion, culture, and history.

Hours	Requirements
3	JS 199- Undergraduate Open Seminar. An Independent Study experience to be arranged with a Jewish Studies affiliated faculty member
26-29	Hebrew and/or Yiddish language courses, including:
	HEBR 201 - Elementary Modern Hebrew I
	HEBR 202 - Elementary Modern Hebrew II
	HEBR 403 - Intermediate Modern Hebrew I
	HEBR 404 - Intermediate Modern Hebrew II
	HEBR 405- Advanced Modern Hebrew I or YDSH 101- Beginning Yiddish I
	RLST 205- Intensive Biblical Hebrew or HEBR 406-Advanced Modern Hebrew II or YDSH 102- Beginning Yiddish II
9	One course at the 100 or 200 level from each of the following clusters in the Jewish Studies Minor: Religion, Culture, and History. List maintained by the Advisor in the Program in Jewish Culture and Society Office.
9	Three courses at the 300 level or above from any of the four clusters in the Jewish Studies Minor: Religion, Culture, History, and Language. List maintained by the Advisor in the Program in Jewish Culture and Society Office.

All substitutions must be approved by the Advisor in the Program in Jewish Culture and Society Office.

Medieval Civilization Concentration

No change

Renaissance Studies Concentration

No change

For All Concentrations

Substitution for specific courses listed above will be approved by the concentration advisor only in exceptional cases.

Twelve hours of 300- and 400-level courses in the major must be taken on this campus.

All foreign language requirements must be satisfied.

A Major Plan of Study Form must be completed and submitted to the LAS Student Academic Affairs Office before the end of the fifth semester (60-75 hours). Please see your advisor.

CLEARANCES: (Clearances should include signatures and dates of approval) - - These signatures must appear on a separate sheet. If multiple departments or colleges, add lines.)

Signatures:



3/6/12

Program in Jewish Culture & Society Representative:

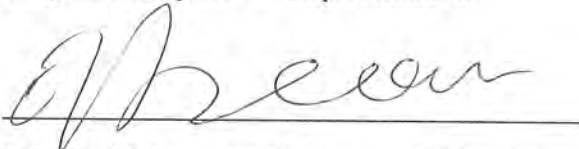
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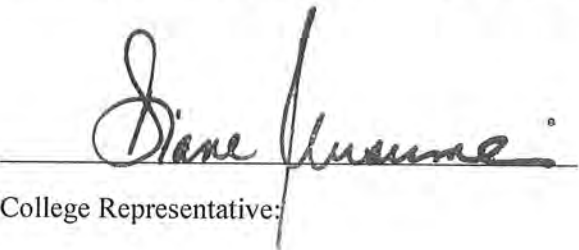
Linguistics Department Representative:

Date:



3/9/2012

School of Literatures, Cultures, and Linguistics Representative: Date:



7/11/12

College Representative:

Date:

Provost Representative:

Date:

Educational Policy Committee Representative:

Date:

Appendix A
Course List for the 9 hours of 100-200 level courses and 9 hours of 300- and 400-level
courses

Religion:

- RLST 108. Religion & Society in West I
- RLST 109. Religion & Society in West II
- RLST 110. World Religions
- RLST 116. Faith & Self in Global Context
- RLST 120. A History of Judaism
- RLST 130. Jewish Customs and Ceremonies
- RLST 201. Hebrew Bible in English
- RLST 230. Philosophy of Religion Intro (same as PHIL 230)
- RLST 242. Holocaust Religious Response
- RLST 415. Intro Readings of the Talmud
- RLST 416. Readings in Rabbinic Midrash
- RLST 442. History of Early Judaism
- RLST 443. Ancient Near Eastern Cultures
- RLST 496. Topics in the History of Judaism
- RLST 498. Topics in Biblical Studies

Culture:

- ANTH 161. The Holocaust and Its Meanings
- ANTH 190. American Jewish Culture
- ANTH 275. The World of Jewish Sepharad
- ANTH 290. Jewish Cultures of the World
- ENGL 272. Minority Images in Amer Film
- ENGL 284. Modern Jewish Literature
- ENGL 460. Lit of American Minorities
- GER 257. Vienna 1900
- GER 260. The Holocaust in Context
- RLST 101. Bible as Literature
- RLST 201. Hebrew Bible in English
- YDSH 220 Jewish Storytelling (same as CWL 221).
- YDSH 320. Lit Responses to the Holocaust (same as CWL 320)
- YDSH 420. Jewish Life-Writing (same as CWL 421)

History:

- HIST 135. History of Islamic Middle East
- HIST 252. The Holocaust
- HIST 269. Jewish History Since 1700
- HIST 281. Constructing Race in America
- HIST 337. Middle East in 20th Century
- HIST 355. Soviet Jewish History
- HIST 433. History of Jews in Diaspora
- HIST 456. Twentieth-Century Germany
- HIST 472. Immigrant America
- PS 347. Gov & Pol of Middle East
- RLST 106. Archaeology and the Bible
- RLST 235. History of Religion in America
- RLST 458. Christians and Jews 1099-1789
- RUSS 261. Intro Russian-Jewish Culture (same as HIST 261)

Language:

- HEBR 199. Undergraduate Open Seminar
- HEBR 403. Intermediate Modern Hebrew I
- HEBR 404. Intermediate Modern Hebrew II
- HEBR 405. Advanced Modern Hebrew I
- HEBR 406. Advanced Modern Hebrew II
- HEBR 407. Topics Hebrew Lang & Lit I
- HEBR 408. Topics Hebrew Lang & Lit II
- RLST 205. Intensive Biblical Hebrew (same as HEBR 205)
- YDSH 103. Intermediate Yiddish I
- YDSH 104. Intermediate Yiddish II

Appendix B
Letters of Support

Anthropology, Professor Andrew Orta
Comparative and World Literature, Professor Jean-Philippe Mathy
English, Professor Curtis Perry
German, Professor Carl Niekerk
History, Professor Diane Koenker
Religion, Professor David Price
Slavic, Professor Michael Finke

ANTH

From: "Orta, Andrew" <aorta@illinois.edu>
Date: March 12, 2012 1:51:09 PM CDT
To: "Rich, Lucille S" <lucyrich@illinois.edu>
Cc: "Bunzl, Matti" <bunzl@illinois.edu>
Subject: **Proposal to move the Hebrew major from Linguistics to Jewish Studies**

Dear Dean Rich,

I am writing on behalf of the Department of Anthropology regarding the proposal to move the Hebrew major from Linguistics to Jewish Studies. We are supportive of this proposal. If you need this endorsement in the form of a signed letter, please let me know.

Regards,
Andrew

Andrew Orta
Associate Professor and Head
Department of Anthropology
University of Illinois

From: "Mathy, Jean-Philippe R" <jmathy@illinois.edu>
Date: March 5, 2012 10:26:08 AM CST
To: "Bunzl, Matti" <bunzl@illinois.edu>, "Hassan, Wail Seddiq" <whassan@illinois.edu>, "Fain, Andrea Mae" <amfain@illinois.edu>
Cc: "Rosenstock, Bruce" <brsnstck@illinois.edu>, "Alexander, Craig McLean" <cmalexan@illinois.edu>
Subject: **RE: Request for a Letter in Conjunction with the Move of the Hebrew Major from Linguistics to Jewish Studies**

Dear Matti,

The Program in Comparative and World Literature has no objection to the use of CWL courses as part as the revised major in Hebrew language and literature.

Sincerely,

Jean-Philippe

Jean-Philippe Mathy
Director, Program in Comparative and World Literature

From: Bunzl, Matti
Sent: Sunday, March 04, 2012 8:11 AM
To: Mathy, Jean-Philippe R
Cc: Rosenstock, Bruce; Alexander, Craig McLean
Subject: Request for a Letter in Conjunction with the Move of the Hebrew Major from Linguistics to Jewish Studies

Dear Jean-Philippe,

As you can see from below, the LAS Courses and Curriculum Committee has approved the move of the Hebrew major from Linguistics to Jewish Studies (I am attaching the proposal to this note).

Some of the courses that count toward fulfilling the major are housed in your department. With that in mind, and to finalize the

transition, we need a short letter from you (an e-mail is just fine), affirming that the department is ok with our students using these courses. We are talking about a handful of students at the very most.

All best and many thanks!
Matti

From: "Rich, Lucille S" <lucyrich@illinois.edu>
Date: Fri, 2 Mar 2012 17:01:13 -0600
To: Matti Bunzl <bunzl@illinois.edu>
Subject: RE: Hebrew Language and Literature Concentration

Matti,

The LAS Courses and Curriculum Committee has reviewed the proposal to transfer and revise Hebrew Language and Literature from Linguistics to the Jewish Studies Concentration in Interdisciplinary Studies. The program change was approved by the Committee. However, we cannot move it forward to the other governing bodies without the signatures from Jewish Studies, Linguistics, and SLCL on page 5 of the document.

In addition, we need endorsement letters from the departments that will be providing some of the courses your students will need: Religion, German, Anthropology, and History. Basically, we want to know that these departments are okay with your students using their courses.

Please let me know if you have any questions about the above. We are looking forward to the new program.

From: "Perry, Curtis" <cperry@illinois.edu>
Date: March 12, 2012 12:48:35 PM CDT
To: "Bunzl, Matti" <bunzl@illinois.edu>
Cc: "Rosenstock, Bruce" <brsnstck@illinois.edu>, "Alexander, Craig McLean" <cmalexan@illinois.edu>
Subject: **RE: Request for a Letter in Conjunction with the Move of the Hebrew Major from Linguistics to Jewish Studies**

Hi Matti,

I see Religion, German, Anthropology, and History in the email thread below, but not English. So I thought maybe I was included on the original email in error. Nevertheless, it is fine with English if students use our classes to fulfill requirements in a Hebrew major.

Curtis

-----Original Message-----

From: Bunzl, Matti
Sent: Monday, March 12, 2012 12:45 PM
To: Perry, Curtis
Cc: Rosenstock, Bruce; Alexander, Craig McLean
Subject: Request for a Letter in Conjunction with the Move of the Hebrew Major from Linguistics to Jewish Studies

Dear Curtis,

Could you, please, e-mail me the letter affirming that the department is ok with our students using your courses to fulfill requirements in the Hebrew major. It can be a short informal e-mail.

All best and many thanks!
Matti

From: Matti Bunzl <bunzl@illinois.edu>
Date: Sun, 4 Mar 2012 08:10:17 -0600
To: "Perry, Curtis" <cperry@illinois.edu>
Cc: "Rosenstock, Bruce" <brsnstck@illinois.edu>, "Alexander, Craig McLean" <cmalexan@illinois.edu>
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From: "Niekerk, Carl Hendrik" <niekerk@illinois.edu>
Date: March 9, 2012 9:30:51 AM CST
To: "Bunzl, Matti" <bunzl@illinois.edu>
Cc: "Rosenstock, Bruce" <brsnstck@illinois.edu>, "Alexander, Craig McLean" <cmalexan@illinois.edu>
Subject: **RE: Request for a Letter in Conjunction with the Move of the Hebrew Major from Linguistics to Jewish Studies**

Dear Matti: I just looked at the paper work you forwarded me regarding the move of the major in Hebrew from Linguistics to Jewish Studies. I think this is a very good idea. The Department of Germanic Languages and Literatures welcomes this move and sees no adverse effects to its students. Let me know if this e-mail is not sufficient, and I can write an official letter to whomever needs this information.

Best,
Carl

Carl Niekerk
Professor of German, Comparative and World Literature, and Jewish Studies
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From: Bunzl, Matti
Sent: Sunday, March 04, 2012 8:11 AM
To: Niekerk, Carl Hendrik
Cc: Rosenstock, Bruce; Alexander, Craig McLean
Subject: Request for a Letter in Conjunction with the Move of the Hebrew Major from Linguistics to Jewish Studies

Dear Carl,

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HIST

From: Diane Koenker <dkoenker@illinois.edu>
Date: March 12, 2012 1:03:49 PM CDT
To: "Bunzl, Matti" <bunzl@illinois.edu>
Cc: jan langendorf <janl@illinois.edu>
Subject: **Re: Request for a Letter in Conjunction with the Move of the Hebrew Major from Linguistics to Jewish Studies**

Dear matti,
Upon consultation with our director of undergrad studies, the history dept supports the use of our courses for the hebrew major.
Diane
Sent from my handheld.

On Mar 12, 2012, at 12:45 PM, "Bunzl, Matti" <bunzl@illinois.edu> wrote:

Dear Diane,

Could you, please, e-mail me the letter affirming that the department is ok with our students using your courses to fulfill requirements in the Hebrew major. It can be a short informal e-mail.

All best and many thanks!
Matti

From: Matti Bunzl <bunzl@illinois.edu>
Date: Sun, 4 Mar 2012 08:10:13 -0600
To: "Koenker, Diane P" <dkoenker@illinois.edu>
Cc: "Rosenstock, Bruce" <brsnstck@illinois.edu>, "Alexander, Craig McLean" <cmalexan@illinois.edu>
Subject: Request for a Letter in Conjunction with the Move of the Hebrew Major from Linguistics to Jewish Studies

Dear Diane,

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Religion

From: "Price, David" <dhprice@illinois.edu>
Date: March 12, 2012 12:46:41 PM CDT
To: "Bunzl, Matti" <bunzl@illinois.edu>
Subject: **RE: Request for a Letter in Conjunction with the Move of the Hebrew Major from Linguistics to Jewish Studies**

Dear Matti,

Of course, the Department of Religion is very willing to allow Hebrew majors to use RLST courses in order to meet the requirements for their major.

Sincerely,

David

David H. Price
Head, Department of Religion

-----Original Message-----

From: Bunzl, Matti
Sent: Monday, March 12, 2012 12:44 PM
To: Price, David
Cc: Rosenstock, Bruce; Alexander, Craig McLean
Subject: Request for a Letter in Conjunction with the Move of the Hebrew Major from Linguistics to Jewish Studies

Dear David,

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Slavic

From: "Finke, Michael C" <mcfinke@illinois.edu>
Date: March 4, 2012 2:20:46 PM CST
To: "Bunzl, Matti" <bunzl@illinois.edu>
Cc: "Rosenstock, Bruce" <brsnstck@illinois.edu>, "Alexander, Craig McLean" <cmalexan@illinois.edu>
Subject: **RE: Request for a Letter in Conjunction with the Move of the Hebrew Major from Linguistics to Jewish Studies**

Dear Matti,

Slavic will be very pleased to have Jewish Studies majors and minors enrolling in any courses of interest to them offered by our department, and especially those that are cross-listed and satisfy your program's requirements.

Best Wishes,
Mike

Michael Finke, Professor and Department Head
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From: Bunzl, Matti
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To: Finke, Michael C
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Dear Mike

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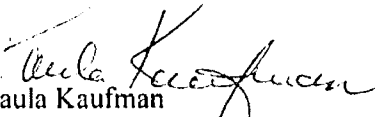
September 18, 2012

Diane Musumeci
Associate Dean
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
2090 Lincoln Hall
702 South Wright Street
MC-448

Dear Dr. Musumeci:

Thank you for giving the University Library the opportunity to review the College of Liberal Arts and Science's proposal to the Senate Committee on Educational Policy to establish a Jewish Studies Concentration within the Bachelors of Arts in Liberal Arts and Science (BSLAS) Degree. Based upon the proposal that we reviewed, we anticipate that there will be little to no impact on the Library with respect to collections. In terms of operational impact, we consider this to be minimal as well. Indeed, it is our opinion that there are actually good opportunities for faculty or students involved in the program to take advantage of services offered by our personnel.

Sincerely,


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

c: Thomas Teper
Mary Stuart
Matti Bunzl
Amy Lawrence Elli

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Office of the Provost and Vice Chancellor
for Academic Affairs
Swanlund Administration Building
601 East John Street
Champaign, IL 61820



September 25, 2012

Gay Miller, Chair
Senate Committee on Educational Policy
Office of the Senate
228 English Building, MC-461

Dear Professor Miller:

Enclosed is a copy of a proposal from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to establish the Jewish Studies concentration within the BALAS in Interdisciplinary Studies.

This proposal has been approved by the LAS Courses and Curriculum Committee. It now requires Senate review.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kristi A. Kuntz". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kristi A. Kuntz
Assistant Provost

KAK/njh

Enclosures

c: D. Musumeci

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS
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Office of the Dean

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
294 Lincoln Hall
702 South Wright Street
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September 21, 2012

Kritsi Kuntz
Assistant Provost
Swanlund Administration Building
MC-304

Dear Kristi:

The Committee on Courses and Curricula, Dean's Cabinet, and Executive Committee on behalf of the Faculty of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences has voted to approve the following proposal:

Establish the Jewish Studies Concentration within the BALAS in Interdisciplinary Studies

Please address all correspondence concerning this proposal to me. This proposal is now ready for review by the Senate Educational Policy Committee for proposed implementation Fall 2013.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Diane Musumeci".

Diane Musumeci
Associate Dean

enclosure



**Senate Educational Policy Committee
Proposal Check Sheet**

PROPOSAL TITLE (Same as on proposal): Establish the Jewish Studies Concentration within the
BALAS in Interdisciplinary Studies

PROPOSAL TYPE (Please select all that apply below):

A. **Program and degree proposals**

1. This proposal is for a graduate program or degree

Yes No

2. **Degree** proposal (e.g. B.S., M.A. or Ph.D.)

New degree — please name the new degree: _____

Revision of an existing degree — please name the existing degree to be revised: _____

3. **Major** proposal (disciplinary focus, e.g., Mathematics)

New major — please name the new major: _____

Revision of an existing major — please name the existing major to be revised: _____

4. **Concentration** proposal (e.g. Financial Planning)

New concentration — please name the new concentration: Jewish Studies

Revision of an existing concentration — please name the existing concentration to be revised: _____

5. **Minor** proposal (e.g. Cinema Studies)

New minor — please name the new minor: _____

Revision of an existing minor — please name the existing minor to be revised: _____

6. Proposal for renaming an existing degree, major, concentration, or minor

degree major concentration minor

Please provide the current name: Hebrew Language and Literature Concentration

Please provide the proposed new name: Jewish Studies Concentration

7. Proposal for terminating an existing degree, major, concentration, or minor

Please name the existing degree, major, concentration, or minor: _____

8. Proposal for a multi-institutional degree between Illinois (UIUC) and a foreign institution

Please name the existing Illinois degree or program: _____

Please name the partnering institution: _____

B. **Proposal for renaming existing academic units** (college, school, department, or program)

Please provide the unit's current name: _____

Please provide the unit's proposed new name: _____

C. **Proposal for reorganizing existing units** (colleges, schools, departments, or programs)

Change in status of an existing and approved unit (e.g. change from a program to department)
— please indicate current unit name including status: _____

Transfer an existing unit

Please provide the current unit's name and home: _____

Please provide the new home for the unit: _____

Merge two or more existing units (e.g., merge department A with department B)

Please provide the name and college of unit one to be merged: _____

Please provide the name and college of unit two to be merged: _____

Terminate an existing unit — please provide the current unit's name and status: _____

D. **Other educational policy proposals** (e.g., academic calendar, grading policies, etc.)

Please indicate the nature of the proposal: _____