

STANDARD GRADUATE MINOR APPROVAL FORM

Title of the proposed minor: Graduate Minor in Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies

Sponsoring unit(s): Russian, East European, and Eurasian Center (REEEC)

Date: 3 February 2006

Description of the program of study:

The Graduate Minor in Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies (REEES) is designed to accompany work in a regular discipline. It is intended for persons with the baccalaureate degree who are enrolled in advanced studies in any discipline who wish at the same time to develop interdisciplinary knowledge of Russia, Eastern Europe, and/or Eurasia. The minor's purpose is to document a student's interdisciplinary engagement with the area as well as enough language study to be able to work in the region.

Requirements:

1. Language requirement: A minimum of two years or equivalent college-level study of a language of the area. For professional work in the region or scholarly research on area topics at least three years of relevant language study are recommended.
2. Area course work requirements: At least 16 graduate hours of course work on Russia, Eastern Europe, or Eurasia, including LIS 530, Slavic Bibliography (4 hours). At least 12 hours must be outside of the student's enrolling department; 8 hours must be at the 500-course level. With approval from the director of graduate studies, partial credit may be given for a course that partly covers the region.
3. A research paper primarily on the region. Normally, this paper would be written in a research seminar in a disciplinary department. A master's thesis or doctoral dissertation can be submitted in lieu of the research paper, if it deals primarily with the region. Students are encouraged to present their work in a public forum at the University, such as the REEEC Noontime Scholars lecture series.

Prerequisites for the minor:

There are no prerequisites for the graduate minor. At this time the Center does not foresee a need to limit enrollment in the minor nor should there be a substantial impact on enrollment in required courses, based on the number of students who pursued the former Russian and East European Studies Graduate Certificate program. Because this is an interdisciplinary minor, electives satisfying the course requirements are taught across campus by faculty who have a formal relationship with the Center.

Expected enrollment in the minor:

Enrollment will most likely not exceed ten students at any given time.

Admission to the minor:

Any student admitted to a Graduate College M.A. or Ph.D. program may apply for the graduate minor in Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies. A student may also apply for and complete the Balkan Studies minor concurrently; however, LIS 530 is the only course that is allowed to count toward the degree requirements for both minors.

Admission to the graduate minor program and progress toward its completion will be monitored by the assistant to the director.

Minor adviser:

The Center director serves as the director of graduate studies and adviser for the M.A. program. This individual as well as the assistant to the director will serve as advisers for students in the REEES minor.

Certification of successful completion:

As with the current M.A. degree and undergraduate major and minor, the assistant to the director will be responsible for certifying that the course requirements for the graduate minor in REEES have been met.

Budgetary and staff implications:

- Additional staff and dollars needed:
None.
- Internal reallocations:
The primary effect will be an increase in students for the director to advise.
- Effect on course enrollment in other departments and discussions with representatives of those departments:
Based on experience with the former graduate Certificate in Russian and East European Studies, there should be no noticeable effect on enrollments in other departments. The proposed minor was discussed and approved at the REEEC Faculty Assembly, which includes faculty from across campus, at the end of the 2003–2004 academic year. Further modifications were discussed and approved by the REEEC Executive Committee, which includes members from the Departments of Political Science, History, Library and Information Science, Law, Music, and Slavic Languages and Literature.
- Impact on library, computer use, laboratory use, equipment, etc.:
There should be no noticeable impact on University resources, although the Slavic and East European Library could see an increase in use.

Statement for the catalog: Provide a brief statement for the program catalog.

Graduate Minor in Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies: The Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies graduate minor is designed for M.A. or Ph.D. students in other disciplines who desire to complement their degree program with interdisciplinary study of Russia, Eastern Europe, and Eurasia. Students interested in pursuing the minor must have a minimum of two years of college-level study of a language of the region. Requirements for the minor include LIS 530 (Slavic Bibliography) and 16 graduate hours of coursework (8 hours at the 500-level) that relates to Russia, Eastern Europe, or Eurasia, 12 of which must be taken outside the student's enrolling department. Students must also submit a research paper primarily on the region. A program of study can be tailored to the needs and interests of the individual student in consultation with Center staff; for admission to the program contact the Center.

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Proposed effective date: Fall 2006

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