

# UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE FORMS

## Academic Program Approval

This form is a routing document for the approval of new and revised academic programs. Proposing department should complete this form. For more information, call the Faculty Senate Office at 831-2921.

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**Department:** FLL email address hulings@udel.edu

**Date:** 10/21/2013

**Action:** Revise major requirements for Russian Studies  
(Example: add major/minor/concentration, delete major/minor/concentration, revise major/minor/concentration, academic unit name change, request for permanent status, policy change, etc.)

**Effective term** 14F  
(use format 04F, 05W)

**Current degree** BA  
(Example: BA, BACH, BACJ, HBA, EDD, MA, MBA, etc.)

**Proposed change leads to the degree of:** BA  
(Example: BA, BACH, BACJ, HBA, EDD, MA, MBA, etc.)

**Proposed name:** no changes  
Proposed new name for revised or new major / minor / concentration / academic unit (if applicable)

### Revising or Deleting:

**Undergraduate major / Concentration:** Russian Studies  
(Example: Applied Music – Instrumental degree BMAS)

**Undergraduate minor:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Example: African Studies, Business Administration, English, Leadership, etc.)

**Graduate Program Policy statement change:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Must attach your Graduate Program Policy Statement)

**Graduate Program of Study:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Example: Animal Science: MS Animal Science: PHD Economics: MA Economics: PHD)

**Graduate minor / concentration:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Note: all graduate studies proposals must include an electronic copy of the Graduate Program Policy Document, highlighting the changes made to the original policy document.**

**List new courses required for the new or revised curriculum. How do they support the overall program objectives of the major/minor/concentrations)?** None

**Explain, when appropriate, how this new/revised curriculum supports the 10 goals of undergraduate education: <http://www.ugs.udel.edu/gened/>**

The major will continue to

- 1.) Attain effective skills in oral and written communication.
- 4) Engage questions of ethics and recognize responsibilities to self, community, and society at large.
- 6) Develop intellectual curiosity, confidence, and engagement that will lead to lifelong learning
- 8) Expand understanding and appreciating of human creativity and diverse forms of aesthetic and intellectual expression
- 10) Develop an international perspective in order to live and work effectively in an increasingly global society.

Because of the increased focus on the target language in the revised major, students will have more opportunities to hone their communicative skills (Goal #1), while deepening their cultural awareness (Goal #8 and #10).

**Identify other units affected by the proposed changes:**

None.

**Describe the rationale for the proposed program change(s):**

The proposed revision of the Russian Studies major is in line with other undergraduate majors that require ten courses (e.g., History, Philosophy, and Political Science) and begin at the 100 level (e.g., Art History, Criminal Justice, Economics, English, History, Physics and Psychology).

The revised major eliminates three courses that do not affect language ability because they are often taught in English (the capstone and two electives of “related work”). This focuses the major on courses, both linguistic and content courses (literature, history, culture, etc.) in the target language, increasing linguistic proficiency, strengthening oral and written communication skills, and deepening cultural knowledge at the same time.

In the proposed revision, students would be taking all but one of their courses in Russian. Including one Russian-related FLLT course allows for the students to get a much-needed overview of history and of literary movements, as these courses are designed as themed literature surveys. Many works examined are classics that are simply too large or too difficult for the majority of students to attempt in Russian.

Beginning the major at RUSS 107, instead of RUSS 2xx, recognizes the work accomplished by students in attaining the intermediate level of language proficiency. It also allows students with little or no previous exposure to Russian to start on the major requirements as early as their third semester rather than their fourth at the university. RUSS 107, which concludes the three-semester language requirement, serves as a stepping stone to the 200-level classes.

Streamlining the major in Russian Studies to a ten-course model, focusing on courses in the target language, will offer the opportunity of a language major to more students on the UD campus, strengthening the global mission of the university. This model adds flexibility while broadening accessibility, offering the possibility of a first or second major in Russian language in combination with many other areas of study.

## Program Requirements:

Summary of changes: Major is streamlined with a reduction of total credits: from 39 credits to 31 [Students placing out of RUSS 107 will take a 3-credit RUSS 2xx course (or above). In this case, the major will total 30 credits.]

### **OLD: DEGREE: BACHELOR OF ARTS MAJOR: FOREIGN LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES CONCENTRATION: RUSSIAN STUDIES**

This concentration requires the choice of one of the following options: Language and Literature, Period Studies, Area Studies, Linguistics. Students must see their advisor to choose one of these options. Specific requirements for these options can be viewed online at: [www.udel.edu/lang/russianBA.html](http://www.udel.edu/lang/russianBA.html); paper copies are available at the department office, 103 Jastak-Burgess Hall.

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### **MAJOR REQUIREMENTS**

#### **Core:**

Twelve credits in RUSS electives at the 200-level and above. 12

Twelve credits in RUSS at the 300 or 400-level, including at least three credits of literature (at least six credits must be at the 400-level). 12

[FLLT 327](#) Topics: Russian Literature in Translation 3

[FLLT 375](#) Topics: Russian and Soviet Culture in Translation 3

#### **Related Work:**

A total of six credits at the 200-level or above, chosen with prior approval of the advisor and according to option requirements, from the following areas: Russian, Art History, Comparative Literature, English, Foreign Languages and Literatures, History, Linguistics, Music, Political Science. 6

#### **Capstone:**

A three-credit capstone experience: RUSS 4xx capstone if available, [FLLT 490](#), or [FLLT 495](#) (Senior thesis or equivalent fulfills the capstone requirement) 3

**Total** 39

### **ELECTIVES**

After required courses are completed, sufficient elective credits must be taken to meet the minimum credit requirement for the degree.

**CREDITS TO TOTAL A MINIMUM OF** 124

### **NEW: DEGREE: BACHELOR OF ARTS MAJOR: FOREIGN LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES CONCENTRATION: RUSSIAN STUDIES**

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### **MAJOR REQUIREMENTS**

#### **Core:**

RUSS 107\* 4

RUSS 200 and 211 6

Six credits in RUSS 3xx 6

Six credits in RUSS 4xx 6

Six credits in RUSS 3xx or 4xx (at least three credits must be literature) 6

FLLT 327 (Topics: Russian and Soviet Literature in Translation) 3

or

FLLT 375 (Topics: Russian and Soviet Culture in Translation)

**Total** 31\*

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**ROUTING AND AUTHORIZATION:** (Please do not remove supporting documentation.)

Department Chairperson \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Dean of College \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Chairperson, College Curriculum Committee \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Chairperson, Senate Com. on UG or GR Studies \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Chairperson, Senate Coordinating Com. \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary, Faculty Senate \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Senate Resolution \_\_\_\_\_ Date to be Effective \_\_\_\_\_

Registrar \_\_\_\_\_ Program Code \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Vice Provost for Academic Affairs & International Programs \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Provost \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Board of Trustee Notification \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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