To: Committee on Educational Programs

From: Dieter Sevin, Chair, Department of Germanic and Slavic Languages

Subject: Deleting of Russian Area Studies Major

Date: April 8, 2009

I would like to request deleting the Russian Area Studies major. It cannot exist with 30 hours, as it is now, since the minimum number of hours for an interdisciplinary major is 36 hours. Changing this major by increasing the number of hours to 36 would not make sense since the new Russian and European Studies major would make the Russian Area Studies major practically redundant. Thank you for your consideration.
1. At least 18 hours in Russian language, literature and culture, including:
   12 hours of Russian language beyond first year (normally Russian 203–204, 223–224) and 6 hours of courses in English offered by the Russian program.
   2. At least 12 hours in European Studies, history, and political science, including:
      European Studies 250 and 201 plus 6 hours selected from Political Science 205, History 209, 228, and 229.
   3. At least 9 hours of approved electives selected from the following courses: Russian 289, Political Science 213, 231, History 172, 210.

Courses taken in Russia or elsewhere will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. In addition, students selecting this concentration will be tested for language proficiency their junior year and will be required to write a senior paper and give a senior presentation to appropriate faculty. The director of undergraduate studies in Russian or the director of European Studies should be consulted for precise details on these special learning outcome assessments.

**Program of Concentration in Russian**

Requirements for a major are a minimum of 27 hours beginning after 102. Required courses are 203–204, 223–224, and 9 hours of courses in English offered by the Russian program. Hours for study in Russia or in an American summer program may count toward a major, subject to approval of the director of undergraduate studies for Russian. In addition, students selecting this concentration will be tested for language proficiency their junior year and will be required to write a senior paper and give a senior presentation to appropriate faculty. The director of undergraduate studies in Russian should be consulted for precise details on these special learning outcome assessments.

**Program of Concentration in Russian Area Studies**

Requirements for a major are 30 hours of course work above Russian 102. Required courses are Russian 203–204, 223–224, 9 hours of courses in English offered by the Russian program, and 9 hours of approved Russian content courses offered by the Department of History, Department of Political Science, or European Studies Program. Hours for study in Russia or in an American summer program may count toward a major, subject to approval of the director of undergraduate studies for Russian. In addition, students selecting this concentration will be tested for language proficiency their junior year and will be required to write a senior paper and give a senior presentation to appropriate faculty. The director of undergraduate studies in Russian should be consulted for precise details on these special learning outcome assessments.

**Minor in Russian**

A minor in Russian consists of 18 hours of course work taken in the Russian division in addition to Russian 101–102 (or the equivalent). Hours for study in Russia or in an American summer program may count toward a
Dear Gregg,
the withdrawal of the Russian Area Studies major has the support of the department.
Best,
Dieter

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