


MEMO

To: Dean of Humanities Neal Lester
From: Robert Joe Cutter, Director 
Date: October 18, 2010
Re: Slavic Studies Minor

The Faculty of German, Romanian, and Slavic Letters & Cultures in this School is proposing a minor in Slavic Studies. The proposal has been reviewed by our Undergraduate Studies Steering Committee and received its approval. It has my full support.

Demand for the program

The Minor in Slavic Studies is proposed in response to interest on campus and in the community. The Phoenix area has sizable Polish, Bosnian, Croatian, and Serbian communities that are keen to maintain their linguistic and cultural heritages. We can expect these communities to produce students interested in this minor, and in providing this opportunity to them, we will in a sense be contributing to ASU's goals of social embeddedness and internationalization.

The languages that are at the heart of this certificate area are certain to attract real interest on the part of students. Those students include a number of those who have secured competitive grants (Fulbright, NSEP), gone on to engage in government service, and entered top graduate programs (UCLA, University of Chicago). Many of them expressed a desire to pursue a Slavic Studies minor. This is furthermore evidenced in the fact that there was historically between 40 and 50 students each semester in Slavic courses other than Russian (prefixes SLV, BCS, and PLC), that there are inquiries about Slavic minors from various BCS and PLC heritage speakers on the monthly basis, that there were cases such as Jamie Forseth, who created integrated major in Polish studies and completed it under Prof. Sipka's guidance, and the Polish heritage community exhibits strong interest in the program as evidenced by several awards to Prof. Sipka for his work in this field.

Requirements

REQUIRED COURSES

| Course | General Studies Credits | |
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| SLV 304 Computational Linguistics of the Slavic Languages | G | 3 |
| SLV 440 History of the Slavic Languages | G | 3 |
| SLV 498 Senior Capstone Seminar | G | 3 |
| Any 300- or 400-level RUS, SLV, PLC, or BCS literature or culture course | G | 3 |
| BCS 311 & 312 Serbo-Croatian Composition & Conversation OR PLC 311 & 312 Polish Composition & Conversation | | 6 |
| TOTAL | | 18 |

The minor in Slavic Studies requires 18 semester hours, including a minimum of 12 upper division hours.

NOTES FOR MINOR and BIS EMPHASIS AREA:

- A grade of C or better must be achieved in all courses to be counted toward the minor.
- A minimum of 6 upper-division hours in the minor must be taken in residence at ASU Tempe campus.
- Pass/Fail courses cannot be used for the minor.
- 201 and 202 language courses are not applicable to the minor.
- Course substitutions are permitted for Heritage speakers and other advanced speakers of Slavic languages. Please contact the head of the SILC Faculty of German, Romanian, and Slavic for more information.

BCS 311/312, and PLC 311/312 are new courses. We have already initiated the ACRES process for these courses.

Advising procedures and measures for verification of completion of the minor

Students will be advised by Dr. Danko Sipka (Danko.Sipka@asu.edu); Dr. Lee Croft (Lee.Croft@asu.edu); and the two SILC advisors.

Given that the only requirement for this minor is completion of 18 credit hours of selected courses with grades of C or higher, a simple checking of students' academic records will suffice to verify completion of the minor.

Minimum residency requirement

At least one third (i.e. 6) of these hours must be ASU credit.

Other information

The above information should be sufficient. If additional information is required, I would be happy to provide it via e-mail (danko.sipka@asu.edu).

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APPENDIX - PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH A NEW UNDERGRADUATE MINOR

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Please consider the student audience in creating your text.)

1. Program Description (150 word maximum)

This minor focuses on Slavic languages and cultures with a concentration in either Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian (BCS) or Polish. It is intended primarily for the students of other departments, e.g., history, cultural anthropology, music, political science, economics, etc. whose professional interests lie in Poland or the countries of South-Eastern Europe. The program lays equal emphases on languages, culture, and regional studies. The minor develops limited professional linguistic proficiency in either BCS or Polish along with adequate cultural sensitivity.

2. Contact and Support Information

Office Location (Building & Room): LL 440

Campus Telephone Number: 480-965-6281

Program email address: Danko.Sipka@asu.edu

Program website address: <http://www.asu.edu/silc>

3. Program Requirements Provide applicable information regarding the degree such as curricular restrictions or requirements, specific course lists, or academic retention requirements. (450 word maximum)

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- 4. Additional Enrollment Requirements** If applicable list any additional enrollment students must complete
N/A