

# Program Change Request

## New Program Proposal

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Program Status Active

Academic Level Undergraduate

Type of proposal Minor

Select a reason for Adding New Minor  
this new program

Effective Catalog Year Fall 2021

College/School Code  
Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences (ARSC)

Department Code  
Department of World Languages, Literatures and Cultures (WLLC)

Program Code RUSS-M

Degree Minor

CIP Code

### In Workflow

1. ARSC Dean Initial
2. Director of Program Assessment and Review
3. Registrar Initial
4. Institutional Research
5. WLLC Chair
6. ARSC Curriculum Committee
7. ARSC Dean
8. Global Campus
9. Provost Review
10. University Course and Program Committee
11. Faculty Senate
12. Provost Final
13. Provost's Office-- Notification of Approval
14. Registrar Final
15. Catalog Editor Final

### Approval Path

1. 11/25/20 3:29 pm  
Jeannie Hulen  
(jhulen): Approved for ARSC Dean Initial
2. 11/25/20 4:10 pm  
Alice Griffin  
(agriffin): Approved for Director of

- Program  
Assessment and  
Review
3. 12/04/20 4:58 pm  
Lisa Kulczak  
(lkulcza): Approved  
for Registrar Initial
4. 12/04/20 5:29 pm  
Gary Gunderman  
(ggunderm):  
Approved for  
Institutional  
Research
5. 11/16/21 12:12 pm  
Linda Jones  
(lcjones): Approved  
for WLLC Chair
6. 12/07/21 1:37 pm  
Ryan Cochran  
(rcc003): Approved  
for ARSC Curriculum  
Committee
7. 12/07/21 2:10 pm  
Jeannie Hulen  
(jhulen): Approved  
for ARSC Dean
8. 12/07/21 2:11 pm  
Suzanne Kenner  
(skenner): Approved  
for Global Campus
9. 12/07/21 3:58 pm  
Ketevan  
Mamiseishvili  
(kmamisei):  
Approved for  
Provost Review
10. 12/20/21 8:46 am  
Alice Griffin  
(agriffin): Approved  
for University

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Program Title

Russian Studies Minor

Program Delivery

Method

On Campus

Is this program interdisciplinary?

No

Does this proposal impact any courses from another College/School?

No

What are the total      15  
hours needed to  
complete the  
program?

## Program Requirements and Description

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### Requirements

The Russian Studies minor requires 15 credit hours from below.

3 credit hours in advanced Russian language study.

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[RUSS 3003](#) Advanced Russian I (must earn a 'C' or higher)

3 credit hours in Russian literature (taught in English). Choose one course from:

3

[RUSS/WLIT 4113](#) Special Themes in Russian

[RUSS/WLIT 4133](#) Survey of Russian Literature Since the 1917 Revolution

9 credit hours from the electives listed below. Students may choose other courses not listed here that are at least one-third Russian- or Eurasian-centered with approval of the program director.

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[INST 3303](#) European Integration and Globalization

[GEOS 4813](#) Geography of Eurasia

[GERM 4013](#) Germany and the Holocaust: The Significance of the Holocaust in Differentiated Contexts

[JWST 3103](#) Introduction to Jewish Languages

[JWST](#) Modern Jewish Thought

[4003/PHIL 4103](#)

[JWST 4013](#) Contemporary Jewish Thought

<a href="#"><u>HIST 3533</u></a>	World War II
<a href="#"><u>HIST 3543</u></a>	Russia to 1861
<a href="#"><u>HIST 3553</u></a>	Russia Since 1861
<a href="#"><u>HIST 4203</u></a>	History of the Holocaust
<a href="#"><u>HIST 4773</u></a>	Diplomatic History of the US, 1945 to Present
<a href="#"><u>PLSC 4513</u></a>	Creating Democracies
<a href="#"><u>PLSC 4563</u></a>	Government and Politics of Russia
<a href="#"><u>RUSS/WLIT 4113</u></a>	Special Themes in Russian (if not taken above)
<a href="#"><u>RUSS/WLIT 4133</u></a>	Survey of Russian Literature Since the 1917 Revolution (if not taken above)

Total Hours

15

Russian Studies minors are strongly encouraged to spend one semester abroad in any Russian speaking country. Those who are unable to study abroad are strongly encouraged to attend a summer language program.

#### 8-Semester Plan

N/A

#### Program Costs

No program costs are required.

#### Library Resources

The Russian program's budget for book acquisitions is \$850 per year. This amount should eventually be increased.

#### Instructional

#### Facilities

No special instructional facilities are required.

#### Faculty Resources

Since the Spring 2019 semester, the Fulbright Language Teaching Assistant has been teaching elementary levels courses, which has helped with the growth of the program. The funding for the FLTA is covered by the Fulbright Program/Department of State. In the future, having additional teaching staff in a form of a T.A. or an instructor will be required.

#### List Existing Certificate or Degree Programs

#### that Support the Proposed Program

<b>Program(s)</b>
JWST-M - Jewish Studies Minor
HISTBA - History, Bachelor of Arts
PLSCBA - Political Science, Bachelor of Arts

<b>Program(s)</b>
INSTBA - International and Global Studies, Bachelor of Arts
GLST-M - Global Studies Minor
GERM-M - German Minor
GEOG-M - Geography Minor
INSTBA-EURO - International and Global Studies: European and Transatlantic Concentration
INSTBA-PEAC - International and Global Studies: Peace, Security and Human Rights Concentration
INSTBA-GLSO - International and Global Studies: Global South Concentration

Are Similar Programs available in the area?

No

Estimated Student Demand for Program      24 minors over the next 4 years

Scheduled Program      N/A

Review Date

Program Goals and Objectives

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The goals and objectives of the Russian studies minor are to provide interdisciplinary, diverse, and critical approaches to ethnic, historical, linguistic, literary, religious, geographical, and political science fields of study on Russia and Eurasia. To prepare students for intermediate advanced language proficiency level in oral expression, listening comprehension, reading, writing, and cultural understanding of the multicultural, multilingual, and multidenominational Russian speaking world including diaspora. To develop students' ability to critically interpret, communicate, perform linguistic tasks, and become literate users of the Russian language. To enhance students' abilities to thoughtfully communicate in and engage with a variety of important philosophical, historical, racial, religious, and cultural problems and discussions, developing critical interpretive and thinking skills. To prepare students for a postgraduate career in Russian-related fields such as in diplomacy, international business, military, politics, academic spheres, education, journalism, law, humanities or sciences using linguistic, critical, and analytical skills.

Learning Outcomes

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Students have a strong understanding of the major historical, literary, and cultural time periods and events, as well as multicultural, multidenominational, and multilingual Russian and Eurasian geographical regions, acquiring an intermediate advanced level of Russian language proficiency. Through interdisciplinary courses in history, literature, Jewish Studies, political science, and international and global studies, students acquire analytical reading, writing, and thinking tools to discuss and engage with the wide-ranging topics pertained to Russia's past and current events in the global context. By studying Russian Jewish experiences through history, anthropology, philosophy, and literature, students receive diverse knowledge about major ethnic group. Students are uniquely equipped with the interdisciplinary knowledge about Russian and Eurasian regions that they can apply to different topics and develop their own positions towards diverse perspectives on indigenous cultures, Muslims, Buddhists, Jews, and Greek Orthodox groups represented in Russia and Russian speaking communities. Intermediate language skills enable students to speak beyond the topics of everyday life and converse on contemporary and past events, write and narrate in paragraph length, read unabridged news and texts, and have a strong grasp of different social linguistic registers and function in diverse cultural settings.

#### Description and Justification for this request

<b>Description of request</b>	<b>Justification for request</b>
Proposing a new interdisciplinary Russian Studies minor.	<p>The Russian Studies Minor will be an important complement to existing majors and minors in the Business School, for international business, accounting, for the Fulbright College, for history, anthropology, sociology, music, math, engineering, for the College of Education, and for Area Studies Programs such as African and African American Studies, Gender Studies, Middle East Studies, International and Global Studies, and Jewish Studies, but goes far beyond them because it gives students linguistic and literary skills that sets them apart from other languages and cultures, and at the same time connects with their existing majors.</p> <p>Additionally, even though Arkansas has a small Russian speaking population, it is spoken by peoples of different ethnic and religious backgrounds, such as Jews, Muslims, Greek Orthodox, and Buddhists, which brings together diverse disciplines and perspectives that would</p>

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	<p>make the program viable to the already existing curriculum. The U of A is the only institution in the state of Arkansas that offers Russian language and literature courses. The State Department designated Russian as a critical need language because of its essential role for America's national security and because of Russia's growing nuclear and geopolitical power. To that end, the State Department created a "Critical Language Scholarship" to support students' Russian language and cultural competence abroad. As a less commonly taught language, the Russian program attracts students from diverse ethnic, religious, social, economic, and cultural backgrounds that already major in different disciplines across different colleges, departments, and programs. In light of this, adding a Russian studies minor will make students more successful and competitive for the future international and national careers. Making an interdisciplinary and concentrated Russian studies minor is an important educational need in order to prepare our students for multicultural careers.</p>

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Reviewer Comments

**Alice Griffin (agriffin) (11/25/20 4:01 pm):** Added credit hours to program requirements for total hours to be reflected.

**Alice Griffin (agriffin) (11/25/20 4:04 pm):** Course in has been submitted into the approval workflow.

**Alice Griffin (agriffin) (11/25/20 4:07 pm):** Prerequisite courses identified in course list total no more than 33 credit hours for minor requirements.

**Alice Griffin (agriffin) (11/25/20 4:09 pm):** Although the description denotes an interdisciplinary minor, all courses listed in the program requirements are offered within Arts & Sciences. Therefore, the request does not require any additional colleges for approval consideration.

