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PROGRAM/DEGREE REQUIREMENT CHANGE (MAJOR/MINOR)

SUBMITTED BY:

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PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION:

DEGREE PROGRAM	Russian Studies
Degree Level: (i.e., Certificate, A.A., A.A.S., B.A., B.S., M.A., M.S., Ph.D.)	B.A.

A. CHANGE IN DEGREE REQUIREMENTS: (Brief statement of program/degree changes and objectives)

Our objective is to edit the Russian Studies list of elective options and provide a greater variety of options for students seeking to fulfill their Russian Studies major requirements. Increasing the available options should make it easier for students to graduate in 4-5 years.

B. CURRENT REQUIREMENTS AS IT APPEARS IN THE CATALOG:

Russian Studies

College of Liberal Arts
Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures
907-474-7396
www.uaf.edu/language/

B.A. Degree; Minor

Minimum Requirements for Degree: 120 credits

Students majoring in Russian studies are encouraged to spend one or two semesters on an exchange program in Russia.

Major -- B.A. Degree

1. Complete the general university requirements.
2. Complete the B.A. degree requirements.
3. Complete the following Russian studies core requirements:*
RUSS F201--Intermediate Russian I--4 credits
RUSS F202--Intermediate Russian II--4 credits
RUSS F301W,O--Advanced Russian--3 credits
RUSS F302W,O--Advanced Russian--3 credits
RUSS F431--Studies in Russian Culture--3 credits
RUSS F432--Studies of Russian Literature--3 credits
RUSS F482--Selected Topics in Russian Literature--3 credits
4. Complete 9 credits from the following Russian Studies electives:*
ANTH F302--Ethnography of Siberia--3 credits
BA F460O--International Business--3 credits
ECON F463W--International Economics--3 credits

GEOG F306--Geography of Russia--3 credits
HIST F315--Europe: 1900 - 1945--3 credits
HIST F464--History of Russia--3 credits
PS F468W--Government and Politics of Russia--3 credits

5. Minimum credits required--120 credits

* Student must earn a C grade or better in each course.

Note: BA F460 and ECON F463 are recommended for students who are planning to minor in business administration. Please contact the business administration department for prerequisites.

Minor

1. Complete the following:
15 credits from the Russian studies core or an advisor-approved combination from the Russian studies core and Russian studies electives.--15 credits
2. Minimum credits required--15 credits

C. PROPOSED REQUIREMENTS AS IT WILL APPEAR IN THE CATALOG WITH THESE CHANGES:
(Underline new wording ~~strike through old wording~~ and use complete catalog format)

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B.A. Degree; Minor

Minimum Requirements for Degree: 120 credits

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Major -- B.A. Degree

6. Complete the general university requirements.
7. Complete the B.A. degree requirements.
8. Complete the following Russian studies core requirements: *
RUSS F201--Intermediate Russian I--4 credits
RUSS F202--Intermediate Russian II--4 credits
RUSS F301W,O--Advanced Russian--3 credits
RUSS F302W,O--Advanced Russian--3 credits
~~RUSS F431--Studies in Russian Culture--3 credits~~
RUSS F432--Studies of Russian Literature--3 credits
~~RUSS F482--Selected Topics in Russian Literature--3 credits~~
9. Complete two of the following Russian Studies core requirements.*
RUSS F431--Studies in Russian Culture--3 credits
RUSS F482--Selected Topics in Russian Literature--3 credits
RUSS F484 -- Russian and Soviet Cinema --3 credits
10. Complete 9 credits from the following Russian Studies electives: *
ANTH F302--Ethnography of Siberia--3 credits
BA F460O--International Business--3 credits

ECON F463W--International Economics--3 credits
 GEOG F306--Geography of Russia--3 credits
 HIST F315--Europe: 1900 - 1945--3 credits
HIST F461 – History of Alaska --3 credits
HIST F463 – Imperial Russia, 1700-1917 --3 credits
HIST F464--History of Russia--Soviet and Post-Soviet Russia--3 credits
 PS F468W--Government and Politics of Russia--3 credits

11. Minimum credits required--120 credits

* Student must earn a C grade or better in each course.

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Minor

3. Complete the following:
 15 credits from the Russian studies core or an advisor-approved combination from the Russian studies core and Russian studies electives.--15 credits

Minimum credits required--15 credits

D. ESTIMATED IMPACT

WHAT IMPACT, IF ANY, WILL THIS HAVE ON BUDGET, FACILITIES/SPACE, FACULTY, ETC.

None.

E. IMPACTS ON PROGRAMS/DEPTS:

What programs/departments will be affected by this proposed action?
 Include information on the Programs/Departments contacted (e.g., email, memo)

The History department faculty members that offer the HIST 461 and HIST 463 have been contacted by email to discuss potential impacts to their courses.

F. IF MAJOR CHANGE - ASSESSMENT OF THE PROGRAM:

Description of the student learning outcomes assessment process.)

There has been no change to the outcomes assessment process – all Russian Studies majors are still required to take RUSS 432, the capstone course for the program, and be evaluated for written and oral proficiency as well as understanding of Russian culture by faculty upon completion of this course. Exit surveys will still be administered to graduating Russian Studies majors to obtain input about student perception of the program.




JUSTIFICATION FOR ACTION REQUESTED

The purpose of the department and campus-wide curriculum committees is to scrutinize program/degree change applications to make sure that the quality of UAF education is not lowered as a result of the proposed change. Please address this in your response. This section needs to be self-explanatory. If you drop a course, is it because the material is covered elsewhere? Use as much space as needed to fully justify the proposed change and explain what has been done to ensure that the quality of the program is not compromised as a result.

The changes proposed would add one Russian film course and two History courses with significant material related to Russian history to the list of course options to obtain the Russian Studies degree. All three of these courses would provide valuable insight relevant to the Russian Studies curriculum, and their inclusion would give students more available options to complete degree requirements, which is particularly important among courses that are offered infrequently or as demand warrants.

Please note that upon contacting the affected History faculty, we learned that the department is petitioning to change the titles of HIST 463 and HIST 464, so the newly-proposed titles for those courses are reflected in our edits to the Russian Studies degree requirements.

APPROVALS:

	Date	Oct. 4, '10
Signature, Chair, Program/Department of:		
	Date	Nov. 3. 10
Signature, Chair, College/School Curriculum Council for:		
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	Date	11-5-10
Signature, Dean, College/School of:		
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ALL SIGNATURES MUST BE OBTAINED PRIOR TO SUBMISSION TO THE GOVERNANCE OFFICE

	Date	
Signature, Chair, UAF Faculty Senate Curriculum Review Committee		