

**UNIVERSITY COUNCIL
ACADEMIC PROGRAMS COMMITTEE
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PRESENTED BY: Len Proctor, Chair, Academic Programs Committee

DATE OF MEETING: November 17, 2011

SUBJECT: **Items for Information:**
1. Arts and Science: New Minor in Ukrainian Studies
2. SESD: change to Moribund Course Archive policy

COUNCIL ACTION: **For information only**

The Academic Programs Committee of Council approves the introduction or termination of new fields of specialization at the Minor level, and also approves minor changes in academic policies.

SUMMARY:

The following were approved at the Academic Programs Committee meeting October 19, 2011:

1. Arts and Science: Minor in Ukrainian Studies

This is a 18-credit-unit minor which can be completed with any Three-year, Four-year or Honours degree in Arts and Science. Approval includes a new course INTS 202.3 Ukrainian History and Culture: An Introduction.

2. Change to Moribund Course Archive policy

Council approved the Moribund Course Archive policy in 2001 to provide a mechanism for deleting untaught courses from the Program and Course Catalogue. The Student and Enrolment Services Division asked the Academic Programs Committee to change the deadline for identification of untaught courses from May to July to provide a better fit with registration deadlines and to ensure the deadline reflects courses scheduled in upcoming terms.

ATTACHMENTS:

Proposal document for minor
Moribund Course policy March 2001

**Proposal for Curriculum Change
University of Saskatchewan**

to be approved by University Council or by Academic Programs Committee

1. PROPOSAL IDENTIFICATION

Title of proposal: Ukrainian Studies

Degree(s): B.A. and B.Sc.

Field(s) of Specialization: ALL

Level(s) of Concentration: Minor

Option(s):

Degree College: Arts & Science

Department: Political Studies

Home College: Arts & Science

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Date: October 14, 2011

Approved by the degree college and/or home college:

Division of Social Sciences: September 26, 2011

Division of Humanities & Fine Arts: September 28, 2011

Proposed date of implementation: September 2012

2. Type of change

Requiring approval by Academic Programs Committee

- ☐ Addition of a new Field of Specialization at the Minor Level of Concentration.

Proposal Document

Attach a proposal document, usually two or more pages, which covers the following information. The length and detail provided should reflect the scale or importance of the program or revision. Documents prepared for your college may be used.

3. RATIONALE

Ukrainian Studies is a long-established academic field and a recognized area of specialization in leading Universities across Canada, North America and beyond. While further specialization (Ukrainian language and linguistics, Ukrainian literature, Ukrainian History, Ukrainian Folklore) is commonly present at the graduate level (University of Alberta, University of Manitoba, University of Toronto, Harvard University, Columbia University, others), at the undergraduate level many of the above Universities offer specialization in Ukrainian studies in more general and interdisciplinary terms.

The University of Saskatchewan has been recognized as the first North American University to offer Ukrainian studies courses for credit (offered for the first time in 1945).^[1] Attesting to the changing nature of the humanities and social sciences in general and to the decline of interest in the traditionally conceived area studies, Ukrainian Studies programs have been subject to much revision on various campuses.^[2] The proposed introduction of a Minor in Ukrainian Studies is an important step in strengthening, upgrading, and streamlining the delivery of Ukrainian studies courses at the University of Saskatchewan while responding to student interest in such a program. At present, the area of Ukrainian studies at the University of Saskatchewan needs to be revitalized in order to offer students an opportunity to study Ukrainian language and culture within the context of pursuing a recognizable credential as part of an undergraduate degree (i.e., a Minor). The Minor brings together existing strengths of faculty to create an interdisciplinary program opportunity available to students pursuing various majors. The proposed Minor also builds on the University's call for the creation of innovative, quality programs that connect learning and discovery in interdisciplinary ways while building on institutional strengths.^[3]

It is projected that the proposed Minor will be of interest to students in Anthropology, History, Languages and Linguistics, Political Sciences, Religious Studies, as well as other disciplines.

^[1] Victor Buyniak. *Ukrainian Language Teaching*. The Encyclopedia of Saskatchewan (n.d.)
http://esask.uregina.ca/entry/ukrainian_language_teaching.html

^[2] Between 1983 and 2002, the undergraduate enrolments in the Ukrainian language/linguistics courses declined in all Canadian universities offering such courses, but U of Alberta (F. Swyripa and A. Makuch, *Table 1. Weighted Undergraduate Student enrolment in Ukrainian Language/Linguistics, by University, Region, and Academic Year, 1983/4-2001/02*. CIUS unpublished report, 2002).

^[3] "The 2nd Integrated Plan: Toward an Engaged University". Full Version, II.A (2). P. 10.
http://www.usask.ca/ip/inst_planning/second_intplan/index.php

4. DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM CHARACTERISTICS

The Minor in Ukrainian Studies is an interdisciplinary study of Ukrainian Culture, Language, History, Religion and Politics from historical and cross-cultural perspectives.^[1] The Ukrainian Studies Minor will provide students with the opportunity, on one end, to engage in the multidisciplinary nature of the Ukrainian studies. On the other end, students will be able to pursue the study of one or more aspects of Ukrainian culture which are of relevance to their personal interests, field of study, and future career.

The Minor may be completed in conjunction with any Three-Year, Four-Year or Honours degree in another subject area in the College of Arts and Science.

^[1] As such, it differs from the former Minor in Ukrainian (language), offered by Department of Languages and Linguistics until 2001-02.

Minor in Ukrainian Studies

18 credit units, of which at least 6 credit units out of 18 credit units should be at the 300 level or above. In addition to the core course "Ukrainian History and Culture: An Introduction", courses will be drawn from three areas (all courses are listed below and course descriptions are provided in the Appendix). Area A represents the Ukrainian language component of the program, Area B represents and includes courses focusing exclusively on Ukrainian studies and Area C represents courses related to Ukrainian studies in which course material concerning Ukrainian studies is not central:

Area A — Ukrainian Language courses

Area B — Central Courses in Ukrainian Studies (in Anthropology and Political Studies)

Area C — Courses related to Ukrainian Studies (in Anthropology, Economics, History, Linguistics, Political Studies, Religious Studies)

Requirements:

- (1) **INTS 202.3** Ukrainian History and Culture: An Introduction

(Note: This course is being submitted in conjunction with the proposed Minor)

The INTS 202.3 course is coordinated and delivered by STM faculty, under the academic authority of the College of Arts and Science.

- (2) 6 credit units from **Area A** (Ukrainian Language courses)*

UKR 114.3 Elementary Ukrainian I

UKR 117.3 Elementary Ukrainian II

UKR 214.3 Intermediate Ukrainian I

UKR 217.3 Intermediate Ukrainian II

UKR 314.3 Advanced Ukrainian I**

UKR 317.3 Advanced Ukrainian II**

*Students with credit in the Ukrainian language from K-12 shall consult the program coordinator for language options available to them.

** 200- and 300-level Language courses will be offered on campus when there is sufficient demand, otherwise they will be available (whenever possible) through the STM Study abroad program "Spring Session in Ukraine"

- (3) 3 credit units from **Area B** (Central Courses in Ukrainian Studies)

ANTH 233.3 Anthropological Perspectives on Contemporary Ukraine

ANTH 354.3 Ritual Spaces in Ukrainian Culture

POLS 343.3 Politics of Change in Post-Soviet Ukraine

- (4) 6 credit units from **Areas A, B, or C** (Courses related to Ukrainian Studies)

ANTH 227.3 Cultures of Central and Eastern Europe

ANTH 233.3 Anthropological Perspectives on Contemporary Ukraine

ANTH 354.3 Ritual Spaces in Ukrainian Culture

ECON 272.3 Economics of Transition

HIST 215.6 Byzantine Empire 330 to 1453

HIST 220.6 Russian History from the 9th Century to Present

HIST 327.3 Russian Revolution and Early Soviet State 1894 to 1924

HIST 328.3 Stalinism

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| HIST 388.3 | Mass Killing and Genocide in the Twentieth Century |
| LING 112.3 | Dynamics of Language |
| LING 244.3 | Sociolinguistics |
| POLS 343.3 | Politics of Change in Post-Soviet Ukraine |
| POLS 465.3 | Nationalism and the International System |
| POLS 466.3 | Ethnic Conflict and Democracy |
| RLST 315.3 | Eastern Christian Thought First Millennium |
| RLST 316.3 | Eastern Christianity in Second Millennium |
| UKR 214.3 | Intermediate Ukrainian I |
| UKR 217.3 | Intermediate Ukrainian II |
| UKR 314.3 | Advanced Ukrainian I** |
| UKR 317.3 | Advanced Ukrainian II** |

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5. RESOURCES

St. Thomas More College has been building its strength in the field of Ukrainian studies since the late 1990s. In 1998, with the creation of the Prairie Centre for the Ukrainian Heritage St. Thomas More College has positioned itself as a leading campus partner in delivering courses in the area of Ukrainian studies. Currently, STM offers the instruction of the first and second year Ukrainian language courses (12 credits). In addition, STM-based Spring Session in Ukraine provides further opportunities for students to pursue the Ukrainian language courses offered at three levels (18 credits, in Elementary, Intermediate, and Advanced Ukrainian). STM faculty offer courses that are related to or focused on Ukraine and Ukrainian Canadian cultures through undergraduate programming in Religion and Culture, Archeology and Anthropology, Economics and Political Studies. Additional courses in the Minor are routinely offered by faculty in Arts and Science. For example, the Department of Languages and Linguistics and the Department of History in the College of Arts and Science offer a variety of courses in cognate fields of Slavic and Soviet history and the Ukrainian language that are of direct relevance to the proposed Minor. Other on-campus resources include the well-established and rich Murray Library collection of books in the areas of Ukrainian language, folklore, literature, history, politics, contemporary Ukraine and Ukrainian Canadiana.

The academic authority of the Ukrainian Studies Minor Program will be exercised on behalf of Arts and Science by the Department of Political Studies.

An interdisciplinary Administrative Committee, composed of faculty members from STM and faculty members from Arts and Science, will be created to oversee the Minor. Members of the Committee will be selected on the basis of expertise and will represent three (3) different departments. The Administrative Committee will meet regularly to discuss the implementation of the Minor, address any required changes or curriculum reviews, and consider any academic or administrative issues that arise. One STM member will be asked to serve as Chair of the Committee as well as Program Advisor for the Minor. The Chair/Program Advisor will oversee the day-to-day management of the Minor and will report to the Head of the Political Studies (in Arts and Science). STM will assume responsibility for providing financial and administrative support to this interdisciplinary Administrative Committee.

6. RELATIONSHIPS AND IMPACT OF IMPLEMENTATION

The proposed program of study does not duplicate any existing programs in the area of Ukrainian studies or in cognate areas.

7. BUDGET

Teaching and other course expenses will be accommodated within existing budgets.

College Statement

From Harley Dickinson, Vice Dean, Division of Social Sciences, College of Arts and Science

The College of Arts and Science supports the proposed interdisciplinary Minor in Ukrainian Studies. The proposed Minor is based on existing courses in Arts and Science and one new course taught by STM faculty. This creates a new option for students with no resource implications for the College of Arts and Science. Minors are increasingly desired by students, who believe that the additional recognition provides them with an advantage in their pursuit of a career.

The College believes that new minors, which provide students with additional opportunities to explore subject matter outside their major, are a valuable, if not essential way to enhance the student learning experience. Support for the development of new minors in the College is explicitly included in the College's Second Integrated Plan, Section 2.2.3.1 (available at: https://claws.usask.ca/astab/docs/IP/CollegeOfArtsAndScience_IntegratedPlan-CollegeSubmission.pdf).

The proposal was submitted to the College of Arts and Science Course Challenge for April 2011. It was approved by the Academic Programs Committee (Social Sciences), by the Division of Social Sciences on September 26, 2011 and by the Division of Humanities and Fine Arts on September 28, 2011.

Consultation Forms

Consultation with the Registrar form

New Course

INTS 202.3 Ukrainian History and Culture: An Introduction

This course offers a multidisciplinary introduction to Ukraine, its history, culture, and peoples from historical, cultural, political and anthropological perspectives. Along with an overview of major developments in Ukrainian history, culture and nation building, the course also focuses on the outcomes and meanings of these developments to contemporary Ukrainians, their neighbors, and the Ukrainian diaspora. Topics include — the rise and fall of Kyivan Rus and Galicia-Volhynia, the Polish and Lithuanian rule, the Cossack Era, the birth and decline of Hetmanate, the impact of Russian and Austrian Imperial rule on Ukraine, the growth of national consciousness in the 19th century, the first World War and the quest for independence, industrialization and collectivization in Soviet Ukraine in the 1920-30s, the famine of 1932-33, Stalin's repressions of 1930s, Western Ukraine between the Wars, Ukraine during the Second World War, Soviet Ukraine in the 1950-1980s, and independent Ukraine in a global context. Prerequisites: 15 credit units of university studies

Rationale: This course is being proposed in conjunction with the proposal for the Interdisciplinary Minor in Ukrainian Studies. Three reasons are outlined below as to why this course is conceived as an interdisciplinary studies course.

First, the course is designed to serve as a core course for the interdisciplinary minor in the Ukrainian Studies currently proposed.

Second, in relationship to its role in the Minor, course content is designed to be delivered in an interdisciplinary fashion. The discussion focuses on the most important developments in Ukrainian history, culture, and nation building as well as on their meanings to contemporary Ukrainians living in homeland and in the diaspora. See the course outline for specific topics to be covered in the course. Alongside the presentation of each historical development the course also discusses cultural and political legacies of these developments for contemporary Ukraine and looks into current interpretations and (mis)understandings in popular discourses of various Ukrainian communities around the globe. As such, the course draws on theoretical models and frameworks of interpretation as developed in history, anthropology, political sciences, globalization studies, and diaspora studies. In addition to being exposed to historical changes and their chronology, students will be learning about these developments through the prism of the following frameworks: (1) the history of long-duree and ideologies as developed in French School of Annales (history), (2) the analysis of political systems and political behavior and the focus on nation building (political sciences), (3) the centre-periphery model of analysis as developed in globalization studies, (4) the human agency concept as advanced in anthropology, and (5) the models of diaspora formation as developed in the field of diaspora studies.

Third, the course is designed to be taught by several faculty members with the expertise in the field of Ukrainian Studies and Ukrainian Canadian studies. Currently, two faculty members have agreed to share the teaching responsibilities, Dr. Bohdan Kordan, Department of Political Studies, and Dr. Natalia Khanenko-Friesen, Anthropology program, Department of Religion and Culture, both at STM College. The interdisciplinary nature of this course will provide an opportunity for the instructors involved in teaching this course to (a) draw on their own knowledge of the field of specialization and (b) employ other disciplinary frameworks for the delivery of the course material.

Moribund Course Archive Policy

Excerpt from Academic Programs Committee March, 2001 Report to Council

5. Revised policy on deletion of untaught courses from the Calendar.

In its January report to Council, the Committee reported on the problems it had experienced recently with the Council policy that deletes untaught courses from the Calendar.

That policy is based on the philosophy that our Calendar should list only those courses that departments offer regularly, so that students can make informed choices about their programs. The Academic Programs Committee adjudicates appeals to this policy, but the number of appeals has been increasing. This year, of the 115 courses that have not been taught since 1995 or before, departments and colleges asked that more than two-thirds be retained.

The Academic Programs Committee considers that retaining such a large number of untaught courses in the Calendar is misleading for students, particularly for prospective students. However, we also acknowledge the difficulty some departments have in deleting courses when programs are under review and hiring decisions are pending. The Committee has developed a new policy that we believe addresses both concerns. Courses not taught for four years would not be shown in the Calendar, but would be held for another four years in a “course archive” where they could be taught if resources permitted. In addition we have attempted to automate the process as much as possible in order to minimize the bureaucratic burden on academic units.

The Academic Programs Committee recommends that Council approve the following motion:

That the Moribund Course Archive Policy, as described below, be approved.

Moribund Course Archive Policy

This policy establishes a course archive for moribund courses.

A moribund course is one that has not been taught in the previous 48 months. Moribund courses will be retained in the course archive for an additional 48 months and then will be deleted. A moribund course does not appear in the Calendar but can still be activated for registration.

The following procedure will be used:

1. In ~~May~~ July of each year, the Office of the Registrar will identify all courses listed in the current release of the Calendar that have not been taught in the previous 36 months. The department, college or interdisciplinary committee offering the course will be forewarned that the course will be declared moribund if not taught in the next 12 months.
2. If a course still has not been taught by the following ~~May~~ July, it will be declared moribund. It will not appear in subsequent releases of the Calendar. The Office of the Registrar will maintain an archive of moribund courses. The Academic Programs Committee of Council will inform the department that the course has been declared moribund. The Committee will also notify departments that, if the course is required in any program, it should be taught, or the program should be deleted, or the requirement should be altered.
3. A moribund course may still be taught. The department should contact the Office of the Registrar when it schedules the course. These courses will be reinstated into the next release of the Calendar.

4. After four years in the moribund course archive, a course will automatically be deleted. Any subsequent teaching of the material would require approval of a new course. This policy applies to all courses except special topics courses.

Departments may still delete courses at any time through the usual Course Challenge procedure.