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RENAME AND REVISE THE MASTER OF ARTS IN SLAVIC STUDIES AND THE DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN SLAVIC STUDIES, COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES AND THE GRADUATE COLLEGE, CHICAGO

Action: Rename and Revise the Master of Arts in Slavic Studies and the Doctor of Philosophy in Slavic Studies, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the Graduate College

Funding: No New Funding Required

The Chancellor, University of Illinois at Chicago, and Vice President, University of Illinois with the advice of the Chicago Senate, the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, and the Graduate College recommends the renaming and revision of the Master of Arts in Slavic Studies and the Doctor of Philosophy in Slavic Studies.

Both degrees will be renamed as the Master of Arts (M.A.) and Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Polish, Russian, and Central and Eastern European Studies. The name reflects a shift in the field of study away from Slavic Studies toward Central and Eastern European Studies, and encompasses the three main areas of faculty specialization in the Department of Polish, Russian, and Lithuanian Studies. The new degree nomenclature of the M.A. and Ph.D. will mirror that of the Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences, Major in Polish, Russian, and Central and Eastern European Studies.

Students in the M.A. and Ph.D. will complete one of three concentrations in Polish Studies, Russian Studies, or Central and Eastern European Studies. The M.A. will

remain a coursework-only degree, and students are required to complete 37 hours comprised of two required courses (second language acquisition and a professional development workshop) and a minimum of 32 hours of graduate coursework in the department, including at least three courses in a concentration.

The Ph.D. will continue to require 96 hours from the baccalaureate. This is comprised of the requirements for the M.A.; an additional professional development workshop; 32 hours of coursework, including two core courses (critical and theoretical approaches to cultural production and literature in Central and Eastern Europe), at least three courses in a concentration, and one course from the Department of History relevant to the concentration; a preliminary examination; and no more than 26 hours of dissertation research.

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material respect with applicable State and federal laws, University of Illinois *Statutes*, *The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure*, and Board of Trustees policies and directives.

The Executive Vice President and Vice President for Academic Affairs concurs with this recommendation. The University Senates Conference has indicated that no further Senate jurisdiction is involved.

The President of the University recommends approval. This action is subject to further review and approval by the Illinois Board of Higher Education.