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REDESIGNATE M.A. DEGREE PROGRAM IN RUSSIAN AND EAST EUROPEAN  
STUDIES, COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES, URBANA

**Action:** Approve the Redesignation of the M.A. Degree Program in Russian and East European Studies as Russian, East European, Eurasian Studies in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Urbana

**Funding:** No Funding Required

The Chancellor at Urbana with the advice of the Urbana-Champaign Senate recommends for approval a proposal from the Graduate College and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to redesignate the M.A. degree program Russian and East European Studies as Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies.

In 2004, the Russian and East European Center was redesignated the Russian, East European, and Eurasian Center reflecting the fact that since the collapse of the Soviet Union the term Russia can no longer reasonably stand for all the former Soviet States. As a result, it has become common to use the term Eurasia to refer to the newly independent states of the former Soviet Union. This redesignation made clear our continued inclusion in the major of these non-Russian Eurasian areas. This change, in turn, allows the program to broaden its attraction to qualified graduate students. It is logical for the M.A. degree to be redesignated accordingly.

The Vice President for Academic Affairs concurs in this recommendation.

The University Senates Conference has indicated that no further Senate jurisdiction is involved.

The board action recommended in this item complies in all material respects 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 President of the University recommends approval, pending further review by the Illinois Board of Higher Education.