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# RENAME THE BACHELOR OF ARTS IN LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES, MAJOR IN POLISH, RUSSIAN, AND CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPEAN STUDIES, COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES, CHICAGO

**Action:** Rename the Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences, Major in Polish, Russian, and Central and Eastern European Studies, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

**Funding:** No new funding is required. No revisions to the curriculum are proposed, and there is no impact on staffing or budget.

The Interim Chancellor, University of Illinois Chicago, and Vice President, University of Illinois System with the advice of the Chicago Senate and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences recommends the renaming of the Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences, Major in Polish, Russian, and Central and Eastern European Studies. The degree will be renamed as the Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences, Major in Central and Eastern European Studies (CEES).

The current major was established in Fall 2019 as the result of the consolidation of the major in Polish and the major in Russian and prepares students for informed global citizenship and a variety of careers. In addition, students gain sought-after linguistic and cultural competency skills. The degree requires 120 credit hours in total, of which 27 credit hours are courses in the major. This includes two core courses (7 credit hours) in an intermediate language course in Polish, Russian, or Lithuanian, and a course in either Central and Eastern European literary analysis or cultural studies; and 20 credit hours in one of three concentrations: Polish Studies, Russian Studies, or Central and Eastern European Studies. The concentrations support the academic interests and professional goals of students, some of whom expressly want to specialize in either Polish Studies or Russian Studies, while others seek a broader education in Central and Eastern European Studies.

The renaming of the program as the Major in Central and Eastern European Studies (CEES) simplifies a complicated degree title and makes clearer to students that the major does not require them to focus on all three areas of study currently listed in the name of the major. The Major in CEES will maintain its three formal concentrations, and the degree requirements remain the same.

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 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 of Illinois System recommends approval. This action is subject to further review by the Illinois Board of Higher Education.