

## PRESIDENT’S REPORT ON ACTIONS OF THE SENATE

### Establish Four Concentrations in the Juris Doctor, UIC John Marshall Law School, Chicago

The Chicago Senate with the recommendation of the UIC John Marshall Law School, has approved the establishment of four concentrations within the Juris Doctor: Intellectual Property Law, International Human Rights, Sustainability, and Trial Advocacy and Dispute Resolution.

The Juris Doctor (JD) requires 90 hours, including 53 hours of required courses and 37 hours of electives. Students may use this elective coursework to develop a deeper understanding of an area of the law by completing an optional concentration in one of these four areas. Each optional concentration has additional requirements, including a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or higher and a GPA of 3.25 or higher in concentration coursework. Further, the concentrations require a minimum of 15 hours (Trial Advocacy and Dispute Resolution) or 16 hours (Intellectual Property Law, International Human Rights, and Sustainability) of required and selective courses.

### Establish the Concentrations in Polish Studies, Russian Studies, and Central and Eastern European Studies in 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

The Chicago Senate with the recommendation of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences has approved the establishment of three concentrations in the Bachelor

of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences, Major in Polish, Russian, and Central and Eastern European Studies.

The concentrations in Polish Studies, Russian Studies, and Central and Eastern European Studies will 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 (CEES). Within the major, students complete two core courses (7 hours) and 20 hours in one of the three concentrations. The concentrations are comprised of discipline-specific courses, primarily courses offered under the Polish, Russian or CEES course subjects. No more than six hours can be completed at the 100-level, and introductory language courses in Polish, Russian, and Lithuanian are excluded. Advanced language courses may be applied, as these courses integrate instruction in language and grammar with instruction in literature and culture.

Rename and Revise the Minor in Polish, Rename and Revise the Minor in Russian, and Establish the Minor in Central and Eastern European Studies, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Chicago

The Chicago Senate with the recommendation of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences has approved the renaming and revision of the Minor in Polish as the Minor in Polish Studies, the renaming and revision of the Minor in Russian as the Minor in Russian Studies, and the establishment of the Minor in Central and Eastern European Studies.

The minors allow students to obtain cultural competency and critical thinking skills through courses taught in English, even if they have not pursued linguistic proficiency in Polish, Russian, or Lithuanian. Renaming the minors in Polish and Russian makes this clear, and the new minor in Central and Eastern European Studies (CEES) draws upon the existing expertise and resources in the department. The three minors each require 12 hours, and follow a similar construction. Students in all three minors complete one of two courses in either Central and Eastern European literary analysis or cultural studies. Students then complete 9 hours of electives in discipline-specific courses (those offered under the Polish, Russian, or CEES course subjects), including at least six hours at the 200-level or above.