

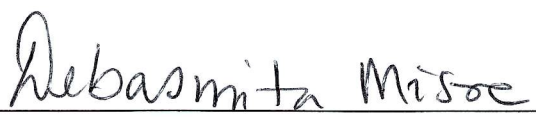
The UAF Faculty Senate passed the following at Meeting #213 on March 7, 2016:

MOTION:


The UAF Faculty Senate agrees to discontinuation of the BA and Minor in Russian Studies.

EFFECTIVE: Fall 2016

RATIONALE: Following the 2012-2013 program review process, the Chancellor's Cabinet found enrollments and student credit hours had not increased and recommended the program be discontinued.



President, UAF Faculty Senate

APPROVAL: 

Chancellor's Office

DATE: 3/10/16

DISAPPROVED: _____
Chancellor's Office

DATE: _____

Background and Information:

Russian is part of the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures. There are five languages taught in the department: French, German, Japanese, Russian, and Spanish. The BA in Japanese Studies and the BA in Russian Studies have been separate majors, which incorporate courses from other departments. French, German, and Spanish are majors within the BA in Foreign Languages (or students have the option of focusing on more than one language). With the deletion of the separate Russian Studies major, the Russian language, culture, and literature courses will still be offered and students will be able to major in Russian through the BA in Foreign Languages. There will be some reduction in demand for the elective courses taught in other departments that were required for the Russian Studies degree (Anthropology, Business, Economics, Geography, and History), though the number of Russian Studies majors is so low that the impact will be minimal.

Over the past ten years, enrollments have remained consistently low, from a high of 8 enrolled majors in 2009 to a low of 3 enrolled majors in 2012. The number of graduates has declined from 6 in 2006 to 0 in 2015, with a total of 4 graduates over the past 5 years. During the 2010-2011 Program Review cycle, the program was continued, but the committee stated:

Upper division SCH for this program have averaged only 64/year for the past five years, albeit with a lot of variation. If five courses a year are offered, there would be an average of four students enrolled in each one. This is only a rough estimate but if there are only 10 majors, which would likewise suggest upper division enrollments of five or less. While in the present relatively favorable budget environment UAF can afford to continue this program, which could change if state financial support decreases. FORL faculty should consider whether there is potential for increasing enrollments, or whether Russian might become an option within the broad FORL BA, reducing the number of courses that need to be taught. Enrollment will be reassessed in two years, and if it falls further, continuation of the program may not be possible.

Following the 2013 Program Review, Chancellor's Cabinet found that enrollments and student credit hours had not increased, and that the degree needed to be folded into the larger and more flexible Foreign Languages BA degree. There is insufficient demand for the stand-alone Russian Studies degree. One of the two full-time faculty members has announced her retirement effective May 2016. The remaining full-time instructor will be able to teach most of the remaining courses with an occasional adjunct. Currently enrolled students will be able to complete their degrees without disruption.

Copy of Format 4 Form attached.

FORMAT 4

Submit originals and one copy and electronic copy to **UAF Governance / Faculty Senate Office**
(email electronic copy to **UAF-Faculty-Senate-Office@alaska.edu**)

DELETION OF PROGRAM REQUEST
(UA Regulation 10.04.02)

(Please number the pages and include a table of contents if the request is lengthy.)

I. Cover Memorandum should include:

- A. Name of person preparing request:** Alexandra Fitts, Vice Provost
- B. Reasons for requesting deletion of program:** Deletion of the Russian Studies program was recommended as a result of the 2012-2013 Program Review cycle.
- C. Relation of program to other programs in the local unit and system:** Russian is part of the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures. There are five languages taught in the department: French, German, Japanese, Russian, and Spanish. Japanese Studies and Russian Studies have been separate majors, which incorporate courses from other departments. French, German, and Spanish are majors within the BA in Foreign Languages (or students have the option of focusing on more than one language). Russian courses will still be offered and students will be able to major in Russian through the BA in Foreign Languages. There will be some reduction in demand for the elective courses taught in other departments (Anthropology, Business, Economics, Geography, and History), though the number of Russian Studies majors is so low that the impact will be minimal.
- D. Summarize effects on personnel directly involved with the program:** The tenure-track faculty member in Russian has announced her retirement in May 2016. There will be one full-time instructor in Russian remaining. If no new tenure-track faculty member is hired, some courses will need to be taught by adjunct instructors.
- E. Summarize effects deletion of program will have on budget of department:** One faculty member in the Foreign Languages and Literature department has recently resigned. We do not have plans to fill that position, which was dedicated to teaching Russian 50% of the time. This immediately impacts the department budget for FY16.

Reduction of 0.5 F9 Faculty FTE @ \$65,053 annually = \$32,526 salary + \$9,335 staff benefits.

Total: \$41,861

TOTAL PERSONNEL REDUCTIONS: \$41,861

The final offerings for the Russian language courses will also directly affect the budgetary impact of this change, as our enrollment in the offered courses may well decrease, which will result in a loss of tuition revenue for the department that cannot really be calculated at this time.

F. Provide information on current student enrollment in program or courses:

FALL TERM	DEGREE	MAJOR	ENROLLED
2015	BA	RUST – Russian Studies	5
2014	BA	RUST – Russian Studies	6
2013	BA	RUST – Russian Studies	4
2012	BA	RUST – Russian Studies	3
2011	BA	RUST – Russian Studies	7
2010	BA	RUST – Russian Studies	5
2009	BA	RUST – Russian Studies	8
2008	BA	RUST – Russian Studies	4
2007	BA	RUST – Russian Studies	4
2006	BA	RUST – Russian Studies	7

**from SGR2MJR reports*

II. Background Information

A copy of the original instructional program request, if available, or equivalent information should be submitted.

If no formal presentation of program approval was made, the following information should be submitted:

1. **Identification of Program:** Should include a brief description of the program and its goals: There is no record of the initial approval of the Russian Studies program. The current catalog information for the degree follows.

Russian Studies

College of Liberal Arts
Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures
907-474-7396
www.uaf.edu/language/

B.A. Degree; Minor

Downloadable PDF

Minimum Requirements for Degree: 120 credits

Students majoring in Russian studies are encouraged to spend one or two semesters on an exchange program in Russia.

Major -- B.A. Degree

1. Complete the general university requirements.
 2. Complete the B.A. degree requirements.
 3. Complete the following:*
- RUSS F201--Intermediate Russian I--4 credits

- RUSS F202--Intermediate Russian II--4 credits
 RUSS F301W,O--Advanced Russian--3 credits
 RUSS F302W,O--Advanced Russian--3 credits
 RUSS F432--Studies of Russian Literature--3 credits
 4. Complete two of the following Russian studies core requirements:*
- RUSS F431--Studies in Russian Culture--3 credits
 RUSS F482--Selected Topics in Russian Literature--3 credits
 RUSS F484--Russian and Soviet Cinema--3 credits
 5. Complete 9 credits from the following Russian studies electives:*
- ANTH F302--Ethnography of Siberia--3 credits
 BA F460O--International Business--3 credits
 ECON F463W--International Economics--3 credits
 GEOG F306--Geography of Russia--3 credits
 HIST F315--Europe: 1900-1945--3 credits
 HIST F461--History of Alaska--3 credits
 HIST F463--Imperial Russia, 1700-1917--3 credits
 HIST F464--Soviet and Post-Soviet Russia--3 credits
 PS F468W--Government and Politics of Russia--3 credits
 6. Minimum credits required--120 credits

* Students must earn a C- grade or better in each course.

Note: Electives must include at least 12 upper-division credits. BA F460 and ECON F463 are recommended for students who are planning to minor in business administration. Please contact the business administration department for prerequisites.

Minor

- Complete 15 credits from the Russian studies core or an advisor-approved combination from the Russian studies core and Russian studies electives.
- Minimum credits required--15 credits

2. Enrollment Information: Past and present enrollment statistics should be included: Enrollments for the past 10 years are presented above. The number of graduates has been very small, totaling 4 in the past 5 years.

YEAR	DEGREE	MAJOR	# GRADUATES
2015	BA	RUST – Russian Studies	0
2014	BA	RUST – Russian Studies	1
2013	BA	RUST – Russian Studies	0
2012	BA	RUST – Russian Studies	1
2011	BA	RUST – Russian Studies	2
2010	BA	RUST – Russian Studies	2
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2006	BA	RUST – Russian Studies	6

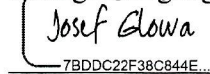
**from SHR9OMM reports*

3. Resource Requirements of Program: The loss of faculty will be the largest impact on the department, including vacating an office within the department's suite, but there will be no significant impacts on the current support service costs or facilities provided by the

Foreign Languages and Literature department. See E. above for personnel costs associated with this action.


III. Approval Signature Blocks provided for:

Foreign Languages Department Head: Josef Glowa


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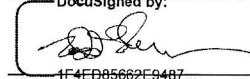
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Curriculum Council Chair: Rob Duke


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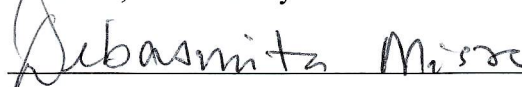
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College of Liberal Arts Dean: Todd Sherman


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President, UAF Faculty Senate: Debasmita Misra



UAF Chancellor Michael Powers



UA President Jim Johnson

UA Board of Regents

IV. Provide an executive summary of about one page for inclusion in the Board of Regents committee agenda.

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