

The Proposal for Discontinuation of Minor, Certificate or Graduate Specialization

1. Name of administrator, academic unit or group originating the proposal. Include the name and email of contact person(s).

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2. Name of the program.

French, German, and Russian Graduate Minors

3. Name of the academic unit that administers the program.

Department of World Languages and Cultures

4. Rationale for discontinuation.

No graduate courses are offered in any of these three minors (French, German, Russian) because of insufficient student demand. Required course for each were last taught more than 5-8 years ago. No students are enrolled in any of these three minors.

5. Availability of similar programs at other Regent's institutions.

The University of Iowa offers an MA and PhD in French, and an MA in German (admissions to the German PhD program has been suspended). No graduate work is offered in Russian.

<https://grad.uiowa.edu/programs/graduate-programs>

The University of Northern Iowa does not offer graduate work in any of these languages.

<https://grad.uni.edu/graduate-programs/arts-humanities>

6. Enrollment data for current and previous four years.

French Graduate Minor:

- current enrollment: 0
- enrollment for last 4 years: 0

German Graduate Minor:

- current enrollment: 0
- enrollment last 4 years: 0

Russian Graduate Minor:

- current enrollment: 0
- enrollment last 4 years: 0

7. A survey of students currently enrolled in a program to determine the impact of the discontinuance on their academic plans. The survey should attempt to identify students who wish (i) to complete the program; (ii) to transfer to other programs at the same institution; and (iii) to leave the institution.

No students are currently enrolled in any of these Graduate Minors.

8. On the basis of the data collected, a projection of faculty and staff needed to accommodate student needs in order to maintain program quality, and both a time frame for, and the costs of, program phase-out.

None.

9. A description of the impact of the discontinuance on underrepresented student populations and on women.

None. No students are enrolled in any of these Graduate Minors.

DATE: 11/1/2022

TO: LASCC, GCCC, and other groups

FROM: Michael Bailey, interim chair, Dept. of World Languages and Cultures

SUBJECT: Discontinuation of Graduate Minors in French, German, Russian

The Department of World Languages and Cultures seeks to discontinue its graduate minors in French, German, and Russian. The only remaining graduate minor in a language in WLC would then be the graduate minor in Spanish.

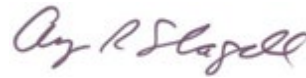
The reason for discontinuation is the same in each case: the graduate minors are already essentially defunct. No students have enrolled in years. The three language sections involved (French, German, Russian) offer almost no 400-level coursework anymore, and no 500-level courses (except 590s). In contrast, Spanish, the largest language section, continues to offer several 400-level courses, and several 500-level courses (dual-listed with 300- and 400-levels) remain on the books. Since they retain the capacity to offer graduate-level classes, they would like to retain their graduate minor, at least for now.

The decision to discontinue was made by the faculty in each of the sections (French, German, Russian). When it became clear that the rationale for discontinuation was the same, I consulted the Graduate College and was advised to package all three together as a single request. The WLC curriculum committee (which itself contains representatives of each of the affected language sections) voted unanimously to approve on 10/31/2022.

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Date: October 31, 2022
To: The Graduate College
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Re: Discontinuation of Graduate Minors



The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences supports the decision of the Department of World Languages and Cultures to discontinue the graduate minors in French, German and Russian.