

**Proposal for a New/Revised
Major, Minor, Emphasis, Certificate**

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Prepare your proposal according to the following outline. (Hand written forms will not be accepted.)
 - Attach the new/current catalog copy with all affected changes clearly noted. List all courses and requirements, indicate new courses, deleted courses and/or course changes.
Note: *A form must be submitted for each change.*
 - Submit the signed proposal to the Office of Academic Affairs. All forms must be completed in full with appropriate signatures to be added to the agenda. You will be contacted by the Curriculum Committee Coordinator with a date and time to present the proposal.
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I. Identification of Department(s)/Program(s): Center for Interdisciplinary Studies

II. Is this a New or Revised Proposal? New Revised

Type of proposal: Major Minor Emphasis Certificate

Title of Proposal: *Proposal for a Minor in European Studies*

III. Rationale for the proposal:

- a. What research/evidence supports the need for the proposal?
Courses on European themes are popular across the university, and especially so at our European campuses. The European studies minor will allow students to get recognition for thematic consistencies and synergies among courses they have taken in diverse fields.
- b. How will it support departmental philosophy/mission and existing curriculum? How will it support the philosophy/mission and existing curriculum of your School/College and the University?
The minor provides formal academic coherence to an academic concentration which is in essence already in place.
- c. List the learning objectives/outcomes. Graduates with a minor in ES will demonstrate:
 - 1) familiarity with the geography of Europe
 - 2) familiarity with major events and major literary, philosophic, and artistic movements in European history
 - 3) an understanding of some social, political, and economic facts about each period
 - 4) the ability to draw connections between the study of European culture, history, and society
- d. How will these outcomes be assessed?
The advisory board will conduct a bi-annual survey of minors and participating faculty. Before the start of the new academic year, the advisory board will discuss the results of this assessment and consider whether it warrants changes to the program.

e. Why is this being proposed? **The European studies minor will contribute to the life of the university in the following ways:**

- 1) help faculty and students with an interest in Europe, now scattered across university departments, develop a common intellectual identity and sense of academic purpose
- 2) encourage students to take courses across the disciplines in the humanities and social sciences and encourage interdisciplinary majors at Webster
- 3) provide students the opportunity to build their own distinctive liberal arts minor by combining courses from a range of university programs

e. Will this proposal have an impact on other Webster departments, schools/colleges or campuses (including overseas)? Yes No. If yes, please provide a brief explanation. **It will eventually increase the number of students from St. Louis studying in Europe.**

f. What Campus(es) will offer this? Webster Groves, Geneva, London, Leiden, Vienna

g. Does this proposal require a new course? Yes No. If yes, what course(s)?

h. Does this proposal require a new prefix? Yes No. If yes, what prefix?

Note: A New Course Proposal Form and/or Course Change Form must be submitted with this proposal for any course(s) affected by this change (including those that are converting to the new prefix.)

IV. Staffing Information:

- a. What additions or changes in staffing are necessary for this proposal? **None**
- b. How will this be coordinated?
The coordinator will communicate regularly with representatives of departments whose courses are used as part of the minor.
- c. Who will coordinate this program? (name, title and department)
Warren Rosenblum, Associate Professor, History, Politics & IR Dept.

V. Feasibility information:

- a. What are the resources necessary for this proposal? (space, equipment, etc)
None
- b. What are the projections for enrollment and growth for this upon implementation?
Within 5 years, there will be 60 students minoring in this program at the various campuses.

VI. Endorsements & Approvals:

Please have the Chair of the Department/Committee, Dean of each School/College and other programs that may be affected by this proposal, review prior to submission to the Office of Academic Affairs.

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Petitioner

9/16/08
Date

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Chair of the Department/Committee

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Date

Janis Carson
Dean of the School/College

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Chair of the Curriculum Committee

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