



October 25, 2018

Professor Meg Daly  
Chair, Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee

Re: Approval of Minor Revision for Turkish and Central Asia Studies

Dear Meg,

The Arts & Humanities Panel 1 of the ASCC approved a proposed revision from the Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures (NELC). The proposal was originally sent back for recommended corrections on September 9, 2018. After being resubmitted, and having addressed panel recommendations, the revision was approved on October 9, 2018.

The proposed changes expand the scope of the minor to encompass Turkish and Central Asia Studies in order to better utilize faculty. Expanding the minor to include Turkish and Uzbek, as well as Turkic cultures, acknowledges the university's strengths in this field. The expansion to the minor adds several courses currently taught in NELC, History and International Studies to the course electives list. A non-language prerequisite moved inside of minor, as Turkish minors currently require one literature or culture course in addition to the 3-semester introductory language sequence. A literature or culture course would now be a requirement for the minor. The proposed revisions decrease the number of required language courses from 3 language prerequisites (1101-1102-1103) and three upper-division language courses (2101, 2102, 3001) to 3 language prerequisites (1101-1102-1103) and Turkish or Uzbek 2101.

The panel agreed that the proposed NELC minor revisions address faculty strengths and offer better options for students. The minor revision was unanimously approved with three additional recommendations. We now advance the proposal to the Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee with a motion to approve.

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Chair, ASCC Arts & Humanities Panel 1