



UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

April 27, 2006

Mark A. Emmert, President

Dean David C. Hodge
College of Arts and Sciences
Box 353765

Dear David:

Based upon the recommendation of its Subcommittee on Admissions and Programs, the Faculty Council on Academic Standards has recommended approval of minors in Estonian, Latvian, and Lithuanian. A copy of the proposal is attached.

I am writing to inform you that the Department of Scandinavian Studies is authorized to offer these minors beginning spring quarter 2006 and thereafter.

The new requirements should be incorporated in printed statements and in individual department websites as soon as possible. The *General Catalog* website will be updated accordingly by the Registrar's Office.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark A. Emmert".

Mark A. Emmert
President

Enclosure

cc: Professor Lotta Gavel Adams (with enclosure)
Mr. Robert Corbett (with enclosure)
Dr. Deborah H. Wiegand (with enclosure)
Todd Mildon, J.D. (with enclosure SCAND-051121A)



SCANDOS1121A

Creating & Changing Undergraduate Academic Programs*

After college/school review, send signed original and 8 copies to: FCAS, Box 351271

College: Arts & Sciences

Department or Unit: Scandinavian Studies Date: 11/21 2005

New Programs

- Leading to a Bachelor of _____ in _____ degree
- Leading to a Bachelor of _____ degree with a major in _____
- Leading to a _____ Option *within the existing major in* _____
- X Leading to Minors in Estonian, Latvian and Lithuanian

Changes to existing programs

- New Admission Requirements for the Major in _____ within the Bachelor of _____
- Revised Admission Requirements for the Major in _____ within the Bachelor of _____
- Revised Program Requirements for the Major in _____ within the Bachelor of _____
- Revised Requirements for the Option in _____ within the major in _____
- Revised Requirements for the Minor in _____

Other Changes

- Change name of program from _____ to _____
- New or Revised Continuation Policy for _____
- Eliminate program in _____

Proposed Effective Date: (quarter/year) Spring Quarter 2006

Contact Person	Phone Number	Email
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1. **Explanation of and Rationale for Proposed Change:** (Please use additional pages if necessary. For new programs, please include any relevant supporting documentation such as student learning outcomes, projected enrollments, letters of support, and departmental handouts.)

The Department of Scandinavian Studies is presently searching for an Assistant Professor in Baltic Studies (Tenure-Track) beginning Autumn Quarter 2006. The Department offers instruction in all three languages, Estonian, Latvian and Lithuanian. There has been considerable interest among the students in these language classes to pursue minors. The Department has the teaching faculty to be able to offer these new Minors. In the future, we plan to establish a Baltic Studies Major.

* For information about when and how to use this form please go to <http://www.washington.edu/faculty/facsenate/councils/fcas/1503/>.

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2. Catalog Copy

A. Catalog Copy as Currently Written *(Include only sections/paragraphs that would be changed if your request is approved. Please cross out or otherwise highlight any deletions.)*

[No current catalog copy. New Minors]

B. Proposed Catalog Copy, Reflecting Requested Changes *(Include exact wording as you wish it to be shown in the printed catalog. Please underline or otherwise highlight any additions. If needed, attach a separate, expanded version of the changes that might appear in department publications.)*

Estonian, Latvian, Lithuanian: 35 credits as follows:


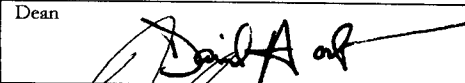

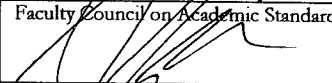
1. 15 credits of 1st year ESTO/LATV/LITH
2. 15 credits of 2nd year ESTO/LATV/LITH
3. 5 credits of Baltic Studies course work (SCAND 344, 345, 454, or 455) or 5 credits of an upper division language course.

~~Students entering the University of Washington with language proficiency in Estonian, Latvian or Lithuanian beyond the first year of language training will have to take an additional 10 credits of upper division language courses.~~

MUST

Students entering the University of Washington with language proficiency in Estonian, Latvian or Lithuanian beyond the first year of language training must take an additional 10 credits of upper division language courses and must earn a minimum total of 25 credits in relevant course work.

3. Signatures (required)

Chair/Program Director 	Date 11-22-05	Dean 	Date DEC 08 2005
College Committee 	Date DEC 08 2005	Faculty Council on Academic Standards 	Date 2-10-06

4-7-06
ARTON TRICHAS REVIEW

UNIVERSITY CAMPUSES UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM REVIEW PROCEDURES**

CHECKLIST

Title of Proposal: **Minors in Estonian, Latvian, and Lithuanian**

Proposed by (unit name): **Department of Scandinavian Studies**

Originating Campus:

UW, Seattle

UW, Bothell

UW, Tacoma

I. Phase I. Developed Proposal Review (to be completed by Originating Campus' Academic Program Review body)

A. Review Completed by: (list name of program review body) **Faculty Council on Academic Standards**

Chaired by: **Don Janssen**

12/09/2005 Date proposal received by originating campus's review body

2/10/2006 Date proposal sent to University Registrar

2/28/2006 Date proposal posted & email sent to standard notification list

4/07/2006 Date of originating campus's curriculum body approval
(Note: this date must be 15 business days or more following date of posting)

B. 10 Number of comments received. Attach the comments and a summary of the consideration and responses thereof : (1-2 paragraphs)

See attached pages

II. Phase II. Final Proposal Review (to be completed by FCTCP)

A. Review Completed by:
 FCTCP subcommittee
 FCTCP full council
Chaired by: Marcia Killien

4/19/2006 Date request for review received from University Registrar

4/27/2006 Date of FCTCP report

B. Review (attached)

YES NO

___ Was notice of proposal posted on UW Website for 15 business days?

___ Was notice of proposal sent to standard mailing list 15 business days in advance of academic program review?

___ Were comments received by academic program review body?

___ Was response to comments appropriate? (explain, if necessary)

___ Was final proposal reviewed by FCTCP within 14 days of receipt?

___ Was there adherence to the University Campuses Undergraduate Program Review Process? (explain, if necessary)

**Endorsed by Faculty Senate Executive Committee, 1/10/05, modified 1/31/06; These procedures apply to new undergraduate degrees, majors, minors (and certificates) and substantive changes to same

COMMENTS Posted to TriCampus Review Website:

Comment by carolt made 2/28/2006 1:17:33 PM

I support the creation of the Baltic Studies Major and find that the language requirements accord with those of other foreign language programs.

Comment by bmreed made 2/28/2006 1:27:40 PM

I support this proposal for a minor in Baltic languages.

Comment by Tiina Oviir made 2/28/2006 1:48:37 PM

I support this proposal. Baltic states have unique culture and languages spoken by the people who live there. Creating the Minor in Baltic Studies makes the University of Washington unique in this country and ables students to learn about these re-emerging cultures and helps them to become well rounded world citizens. The program is greatly supported by the Baltic communities and their friends in Seattle area and beyond.

Comment by richard wright made 2/28/2006 2:18:47 PM

The Scanavian studies dept. is a unique and important resource at the University of Washington both in terms of its teaching and research missions and in terms of its standing with local communities. Therefore, I support the proposal for creation of minors in Estonian, Latvian and Lithuanian. It will strengthen the Scandinavian studies dept., contribute to a variety of other departments with significant language components, and strengthen ties with local and national communities.

Comment by Emily Bender made 2/28/2006 3:50:38 PM

I support this proposed minor program. The coursework in the proposed curriculum appears to give students sufficient depth in their area of study. The new minors will enrich the offerings of UW.

Comment by Marshall Brown made 2/28/2006 7:57:59 PM

Are there any other fields in which seven quarters of language study by themselves constitute a minor? Normally I would imagine that a foreign language minor entails some work with the language, beyond basic language study. At the same time, the Baltic programs are a valuable resource, energetically managed, and I'm all in favor of supporting them. So even if this proposal lacks parity with other programs, it might well be worth endorsing.

Comment by Andrea Kovalesky made 3/1/2006 7:01:36 AM

I very much support minors in these 3 languages. To date the UW Baltic Studies Program has been both a leader in this field as well as one of the few academic sites in the US dedicated to the teaching of these languages. By taking the 100 level series of Lithuanian at UW I have been able to develop enough language skills and basic cultural knowledge to assist with several programs in the Baltics. Having a second year of each language would be even a greater benefit to build language skills and confidence for smoother and more in-depth communication.

Comment by Stewart Jay made 3/1/2006 9:17:00 AM

I had the pleasure of teaching at a law school in Lithuania 5 years ago. I knew nothing about either the country or its language before I arrived. However, I learned a lot!

Lithuanian is one of the most unique languages in the world, and the Lithuanian culture is immensely interesting. I understand that few US universities offer courses in Lithuanian or the other Baltic languages. So, from an outsider's perspective, this sounds like a wonderful proposal.

Stewart Jay
Professor of Law & William L. Dwyer Chair in Law
UW School of Law

Comment by Barbara McGrath made 3/3/2006 10:14:31 AM

I wholeheartedly support this program. It is unique in the U.S., has a wonderful reputation, and producing very impressive students who are positioned to be scholars and leaders.

Comment by shanson made 3/10/2006 11:37:03 AM

I strongly support the proposal to create the new minors in Estonian, Latvian, and Lithuanian. The Baltic Studies Program at the UW is an incredible resource for students, faculty, and members of the community here in the Pacific Northwest, and this step will further strengthen its distinctive profile as the leading program of its kind in the United States.

Steve Hanson, Director, Ellison Center for Russian, East European and Central Asian Studies (on leave 2005-06)

FCAS Response to Comments posted:

All of the comments posted were positive. In addition, one of the comments included a legitimate question concerning whether any other minor exists in which the requirements can be met by only taking foreign language courses. FCAS discussed this, and developed the following response:

“In general, FCAS would not approve a Minor that consisted solely of foreign language classes. However, in the case of the Baltic Studies Minors (Estonian, Latvian and Lithuanian), all of the upper-division “language” courses are actually culture and/or literature courses. This provides for a well-rounded Minor, even though the course numbers would (incorrectly) suggest that the Minor consists only of foreign language classes.”