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TO: Susan Kalter, Chairperson, Academic Senate
FROM: Mark Temple, ^{MAT}Chairperson, University Curriculum Committee
RE: Executive Summary – IDS Proposals for New European Studies Major and Minor

The University Curriculum Committee approved and is forwarding for Academic Senate review the attached proposals to add a new Interdisciplinary Studies Major in European Studies and a Minor in European Studies.

The Departments of Language, Literatures, and Cultures, History, and the School of Art collaborated on the development of the new programs and will share administration. The following rationale was provided for adding the new major and minor:

- In accord with Educating Illinois, the European Studies programs will provide individualized educational experience and fulfil articulated goals of Educating Illinois.
- The value of European Studies for the student is to provide a unique and marketable education geared toward the increasing internationalization of economic, political, ecological, and cultural life.
- Europe is an entity of major international significance. A growing number of European Studies programs are addressed to this reality. By providing an academic context for and, upon request, administrative assistance with individualized study in any European country, Illinois State University can serve interests not covered or recognized elsewhere in the state.
- A minor in European Studies with its salubrious exposure to the histories, cultures, societies, and politics of the European Union would therefore enhance the prospects for employment with international organizations, companies engaged in international business and with careers in government, education, Foreign Service, journalism, and various agencies on both sides of the Atlantic.
- Additionally, the European Studies programs will enhance a variety of majors and minors across the University.

The departments and school proposing this new European Studies program expect that it will have wide appeal for both international and native US students. It was noted that no new courses were created for the minor or major.

The University Curriculum Committee supports the proposal to add the new Interdisciplinary Major and Minor in European Studies.

Attachments

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