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Subject: RE:

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Sent: Tuesday, November 15, 2011 4:31 PM
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Subject: Re:

Dear Elliot, Valarie, and Colleagues:

Thank you for the detailed comments. I wondered about this very issue when I made the submission. I knew that we only had one M.A. and one Ph.D., but frankly I couldn't figure out how to present the complex information about tracks and subtracks on PACER (and, of course, I left myself no time to consult). My apologies...

I have added some responses in blue to Elliot's remarks; please let me know if you need further information, and please advise me on what action to take. If there is any way to do this without a full-scale resubmission, I would be grateful, as I am on sabbatical (my first in 18 years at OSU).

With best wishes,
Dan Collins

Much of my concern flows from what may (or may not) have been a submission requirement of the PACER system—four submissions instead of two for “four degree programs” as identified in the College’s cover memo and as implied in the submitted documentation for both Master’s and Ph.D degrees “in” Slavic and East European Languages and Literature Linguistics- 3 Tracks, and Slavic and East European Languages and Literature “in” Literature, Film and Cultural Studies.” Adding somewhat to our confusion is the fact that the Linguistics programs are denoted in the cover letter as “non-transcriptable” while no such notation is added to the Literature, Film and Cultural Studies programs which may suggest that they are, in contrast, seen as transcriptable. The intention was to have the following programs:

1. M.A. in Slavic and East European Languages and Literatures (specializations: a) Slavic Linguistics; b) Slavic Literature, Film, and Cultural Studies)
2. Ph.D. in Slavic and East European Languages and Literatures (specializations: a) Slavic Linguistics; b) Slavic Literature, Film, and Cultural Studies)

The specializations should be treated the same as far as transcriptability is concerned; they should both be transcriptable (our preference) or else neither transcriptable.

Perhaps the best approach to seeking clarification here is to indicate what the Graduate School recognizes as degree programs in Slavic and East European Languages and Literatures which can serve to underscore where, we think, the present submissions are in error. If you agree, simply let us know, if not, please explain further.

1. The degrees that are authorized to Ohio State in your program are the Masters and the Ph.D in Slavic and East European Languages and Literatures. There are no authorized degrees, as the submissions suggest, in SEELL Linguistics or in SEELL Literature, Film and Cultural Studies.

Agreed; it was not our intention to have 4 degrees, only 2 degrees with 2 specializations.

2. It appears to us that what you are submitting and characterizing as degree programs in SEEL Linguistics and SEEL Literature, Film and Cultural Studies are, simply, alternative “tracks” for the authorized Masters or Ph.D in SEEL, with three “sub-tracks” in the Linguistics domain.

Agreed.

3. I am copying Tim Watson for confirmation, however it is my recollection/understanding that neither of your two tracks to the degree or the three sub-tracks in the Linguistics area have been approved for transcript designations. That can be accomplished but, however, is not the present status of the tracks or sub-tracks.

Please let me know what I should do to have the tracks (specializations) approved for transcript designations.

Hopefully, we are in agreement on each of the above points. If not, we will need to discuss further at CAA.

We are in agreement.

Assuming that these preliminary concerns can be addressed or clarified, there are some additional matters that need to be reconciled/clarified in what we have characterized above as the “track” submissions.

1. The Slavic Linguistics MA track indicates on CAA 1 that 32 hours are required for the degree. On CAA 10 it indicates that 34 hours are required, but my eyeballing addition suggests the correct requirement is 32 hours. Please clarify.

I do not know what CAA 1 and CAA 10 are, but the correct figure is 32:

- 1) 6 cr synchronic linguistics
- 2) 6 cr diachronic linguistics
- 3) 3 cr second language acquisition
- 4) 6 cr non-Russian
- 5) 2 cr professionalization forum
- 6) 3 cr M.A. paper
- 7) 6 cr electives

2. The Slavic Linguistics Ph.D track indicates that there are 50 required hours on CAA 1, which we understand to be post-MA hours with at least 30 hours (likely 32?) transferred from the MA to reach the Graduate School’s 80 (82) credit hour requirement for the Ph.D.

Correct—50 cr + 32 transferred cr

3. That said, the Slavic Linguistics Ph.D track further indicates (CAA 1) that the prerequisite hours not included above amount to 34. Should that be 32? (see 2 above). Even more curious, on CAA 5 the number of prerequisite hours is listed as 33. Please clarify and reconcile what the track requires. Is it simply the MA transfer? If so, I think the answer is 32.

It should be 32, i.e., the M.A. transfer.

4. More substantively, the Graduate School has concerns (for both Ph.D tracks) regarding the ability of students, with their transferred Masters credits, to actually meet the course requirements for the Ph.D since there is such extensive overlap between the course menu for both and the distribution requirements for the two degrees. Put differently, it appears that the vast majority of Ph.D courses available for the categorical

choices will already have been taken as similarly meeting the MA degree requirements. Are we misunderstanding something here? Are all of these MA/Ph.D requirement repeatable multiple times? Otherwise, we don't know how course requirements for the Ph.D can be met successfully.

Please understand that I am not trying to be argumentative when I say that we had the opposite impression: we proposed overlaps in the course menus for M.A. and Ph.D. for the sake of flexibility, because we have a small faculty and were planning for a 3- or 4-year rotation for most courses. (Russian 6601, 6602, 7601, 7602, and 7802 will be on 2-year rotations, and the Professionalization Forum will be every semester.) Note, too, that many of the electives are in the Linguistics Department.

Here is a bingo sheet; the numbers before the courses correspond to the requirements in the proposal.

Autumn

Spring Either Sem

M.A. Year 1

- 1. Russian 6601 (Synchronic 1)
- 1. Russian 6602 (Synchronic 2)
- 7. Lit/Cult elective
(Slavic 7801 Pedagogy)
- 3. Slavic 7802 (SLA) 5. Prof forum
- 7. Linguistics elective
(Transferrable spec course)
(Non-Russian sequence offered
Non-Russian sequence offered)

M.A. Year 2

- 2. Russian 7601 (Diachronic 1)
- 2. Russian 7602 (Diachronic 2)
- 5. Prof forum
- 4. Non-Russian sequence 1a
- 4. Non-Russian sequence 1b
(Transferrable spec course)

6. Slavic 6999 (M.A. Paper)

Ph.D. Year 1

- 1. Non-Russian sequence 2a
- 1. Non-Russian sequence 2b
- 3. Spec course(s)
- 6. Slavic 7999 (Post-M.A. paper)
- 3. Spec course(s)—Linguistics Dept.
- 2. Prof forum
- 5. Lit/Cult course

Ph.D. Year 2

- 1. Non-Russian sequence 3a
- 1. Non-Russian sequence 3b
- 3. Spec course(s)
Slavic 7999 (Candidacy prep)
- 3. Spec course(s)—Linguistics Dept.
- 4. Elective
- 2. Prof forum

Ph.D. Year 3

- 8 Slavic 8999
- 8. Slavic 8999

This is how it is supposed to work in theory; how it works in practice will depend on how efficiently the department schedules rotations. But we are dealing with a small enough group of students that we can easily adapt to circumstances. Moreover, the Slavic linguistics meet regularly to plan/oversee the program, so we will be monitoring the rotation.

5. Moving to the SEELL Literature, Film and Cultural Studies tracks (both MA and Ph.D), the concerns detailed above are repeated here. In addition, please note for the Masters (CAA 1) that the SEELL degree requirement, per se, is 32 hours (see above, point 1)—with 34 hours required for the completion of this particular track-- just a point of clarification.

Correct: the M.A. should have 32 cr required, with 34 required for the Literature, Film, and Cultural Studies track.

1) Pedagogical Training: 3 cr

2) Russian Literature/Cultural Studies: 9 cr

3) Introduction to Film/film theory: 3 cr

4) Theory: 3 cr

5) Electives: 9 cr

6) Russian linguistics: 3 cr

7) Professionalization forum: 1–3 cr

8) M.A. Paper: 3 cr

6. Relatedly, in the SEEL Literature, Film and Cultural Studies Ph.D. track it indicates (CAA 1) that 50 hours are needed for the degree which, as above, we take to mean 50 hours post-Masters to reach our required 80. Here, however, the prerequisite required hours not listed above is listed as 34-36. As per point 5 above, shouldn't it be 34 (and 84)?

Correct—50 cr + 34 transferred cr

7. See point 4 above—Same concerns raised here.

This isn't my half of the department (I am a linguist), so I've taken my Lit/Cult colleagues' word for their program being feasible. However, I think there is less of a risk for Lit/Cult than for Linguistics (see #4), because they have a larger faculty.

If you like, I can consult with them and draw up a bingo sheet for their half of the program as well. Their national conference begins on Thursday, so I don't think I'll be able to communicate with them prior to next week.

Beyond all of these concerns about degree programs versus tracks—and their differing requirements both with respect to credit hours and substance, we would like to raise two questions for pondering in the program that don't need to be resolved now if all of the above concerns are addressed/clarified successfully. Specifically:

1. Should the tracks (sub-tracks) that have been identified be transcriptable? Would that help to delineate what you appear to consider to be separable programs and to “credential” students in helpful ways?

Yes, that would help.

2. Do you really wish for these tracks to be separate Master's and Doctoral programs as per the actual submission? On their face, there appear to be good reasons for, perhaps, moving in this direction with two "spinoff" degrees at the Masters and Doctoral level if that is what you really deliver. If so, we should discuss the necessary processes to move down that road.

We do not feel that we need to have more than 1 M.A. and 1 Ph.D. degree at this time.

Status: PENDING

PROGRAM REQUEST
Linguistics Specialization

Last Updated: Myers, Dena Elizabeth
08/29/2011

Fiscal Unit/Academic Org	Slavic/East European Lang&Lit - D0593
Administering College/Academic Group	Arts And Sciences
Co-administering College/Academic Group	Humanities
Semester Conversion Designation	Re-envisioned with significant changes to program goals and/or curricular requirements (e.g., degree/major name changes, changes in program goals, changes in core requirements, structural changes to tracks/options/courses)
Current Program/Plan Name	Slavic Languages and Literature
Proposed Program/Plan Name	Linguistics Specialization
Program/Plan Code Abbreviation	SLAVEES-PH
Current Degree Title	Doctor of Philosophy

Credit Hour Explanation

Program credit hour requirements		A) Number of credit hours in current program (Quarter credit hours)	B) Calculated result for 2/3rds of current (Semester credit hours)	C) Number of credit hours required for proposed program (Semester credit hours)	D) Change in credit hours
Total minimum credit hours required for completion of program		66	44.0	50	6.0
Required credit hours offered by the unit	Minimum	61	40.7	41	0.3
	Maximum	61	40.7	47	6.3
Required credit hours offered outside of the unit	Minimum	5	3.3	3	0.3
	Maximum	5	3.3	9	5.7
Required prerequisite credit hours not included above	Minimum	45	30.0	34	4.0
	Maximum				

Explain any change in credit hours if the difference is more than 4 semester credit hours between the values listed in columns B and C for any row in the above table

50 credit hours have been mandated for Ph.D. programs by the Graduate School. The 34-credit prerequisite is the M.A. degree. The required credit hours include 32 offered by the unit and required of all students, not counting the 18-credit specialization tracks. The Synchronic Slavic Linguistics specialization track requires 9 credits offered by the unit. The Slavic Historical Linguistics specialization track requires a minimum of 9 credits and a maximum of 15 credits offered by the unit. The Slavic Second Language Acquisition specialization track requires a minimum of 9 and a maximum of 15 credits offered by the unit.

Program Learning Goals

Note: these are required for all undergraduate degree programs and majors now, and will be required for all graduate and professional degree programs in 2012. Nonetheless, all programs are encouraged to complete these now.

Program Learning Goals

- 1. Ph.D. students acquire reading skills and linguistic and cultural knowledge in at least two Slavic or Eastern European languages other than Russian.
- 2. Ph.D. students develop an understanding of linguistic theory and contemporary approaches to the Slavic languages.
- 3. Ph.D. students gain a thorough grounding in a specialization of their choice sufficient to enable them to produce substantial, high-quality, independent scholarship in that discipline.
- 4. Ph.D. students present their research in a variety of venues for feedback and further learning.
- 5. Ph.D. students develop professional values.

Assessment

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PROGRAM REQUEST
Linguistics Specialization

Last Updated: Myers,Dena Elizabeth
08/29/2011

Assessment plan includes student learning goals, how those goals are evaluated, and how the information collected is used to improve student learning. An assessment plan is required for undergraduate majors and degrees. Graduate and professional degree programs are encouraged to complete this now, but will not be required to do so until 2012.

Is this a degree program (undergraduate, graduate, or professional) or major proposal? Yes

Does the degree program or major have an assessment plan on file with the university Office of Academic Affairs? No

Program Specializations/Sub-Plans

If you do not specify a program specialization/sub-plan it will be assumed you are submitting this program for all program specializations/sub-plans.

Pre-Major

Does this Program have a Pre-Major? No

Attachments

- Linguistics Ph.D. Chair's.pdf
(Letter from Program-offering Unit. Owner: Collins,Daniel Enright)
- Curriculum Map Linguistics Ph.D.docx
(Curricular Map(s). Owner: Collins,Daniel Enright)
- Linguistics Ph.D. Revised.doc
(Program Proposal. Owner: Collins,Daniel Enright)
- A and H CL.SEELL.G.doc: A and H Cover Letter
(Letter from the College to OAA. Owner: Williams,Valarie Lucille)

Comments

- SLAVEES-Ph.D. should not be confused with degrees in Slavic Studies offered by the Center for Slavic and East European Studies. The current proposal is for the specialization in Slavic Linguistics; a separate plan has been submitted for Slavic Literature, Film, and Cultural Studies, as the credit hours explanation is different for each specialization. *(by Collins,Daniel Enright on 01/12/2011 10:16 PM)*

Workflow Information

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Dear Elliot,

The Disciplinary Advisory Committee for Curriculum from the Division of Arts and Humanities within the College of Arts and Sciences met, reviewed, and unanimously approved the proposal for semester versions of the MA and PhD in Slavic and Eastern European Languages and Literatures from the Department of Slavic and Eastern European Languages and Literatures, with an ultimate unanimous vote in March 2011. The committee focused on re-arrangement of the information and clarity of the proposal.

The proposals have curricular maps, transition plans, and listings of coursework for quarters and semesters. All four degrees are moving forward with *re-envisioned status*.

MA in Slavic and East European Languages and Literatures with a Specialization in Linguistics with three individual tracks (non-transcriptable)

PhD in Slavic and East European Languages and Literatures with a Specialization in Linguistics with three individual tracks (non-transcriptable)

MA in Slavic and East European Languages and Literatures with a Specialization in Slavic Literature, Film, and Cultural Studies

PhD in Slavic and East European Languages and Literatures with a Specialization in Slavic Literature, Film, and Cultural Studies

We are sending these graduate programs forward for review and approval in the next stage of curricular review at the Graduate School and Council on Academic Affairs. The courses that are specific to all of the programs are listed under multiple book 3 listings. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call or email me at 292-5727 or williams.1415@osu.edu.

Thank you for your consideration of these proposals,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Valarie Williams'.

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Re: Semester Conversion: Ph.D. in Slavic and East European Languages, Linguistics
Specialization

The proposed changes to the structure of the Ph.D. in Slavic Linguistics were recommended by a faculty subcommittee consisting of all of the faculty who teach Linguistics (including Second Language Acquisition) in our department. The changes were discussed at full faculty meetings in Spring and early Autumn 2011. During those plenary meetings, the changes were approved in accordance with our standard policy for curricular change, i.e., by majority vote. (The proposed changes were, in fact, carried by full consensus.) The Department proposal was submitted to Valarie Williams, Associate Dean of Arts and Humanities, for college-level review in Autumn 2010.

The rationale for the proposed program changes is laid out in section 10 of the proposal. The transition policy that I have approved is given in section 13 of the proposal.

Thank you very much for your consideration; please let me know if you need further information.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Helena Goscilo".

Helena Goscilo, Chair and Professor

SEMESTER CONVERSION PROGRAM PROPOSAL

GENERAL PROGRAM INFORMATION

1. **Program:** Slavic and East European Languages and Literatures (Slavic Linguistics Specialization)
2. **Degree Title:** Ph.D.
3. **Academic unit:** Slavic and East European Languages and Literatures
4. **Type of program:** Graduate
5. **Semester conversion designation:** Converted with significant changes to program goals and/or curricular requirements
6. **Program learning goals:** The purpose of the Ph.D. program in Slavic and East European Languages and Literatures (Slavic Linguistics specialization) is to further the scholarly development and professionalization of students working towards a career of teaching and research in the field of Slavic Linguistics. The ultimate goal of the program is that graduates will have not only a sound preparation but also some experience in conducting independent research, giving presentations to conferences, submitting articles to peer-reviewed venues, and teaching at the college level.
 1. *Breadth:* Ph.D. students acquire reading skills and linguistic and cultural knowledge in at least two Slavic or Eastern European languages other than Russian.
 2. *Theory:* Ph.D. students develop an understanding of linguistic theory and contemporary approaches to the Slavic languages.
 3. *Specialization:* Ph.D. students gain a thorough grounding in a specialization of their choice sufficient to enable them to produce substantial, high-quality, independent scholarship in that discipline.
 4. *Research:* Ph.D. students present their research in a variety of venues for feedback and further learning.
 5. *Professionalization:* Ph.D. students develop professional values.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Prerequisite: admission to the Ph.D. program, either directly or after receipt of the M.A. degree in Slavic Linguistics (33 hours).

List of courses in semesters

A. Required for students in all tracks (32)

- 1) Non-Russian Language Requirement: choose 2 of the following course sequences (12):
 - a. South Slavic
 - **Slavic 7621** Reading Course in a South Slavic Language (3)
 - **Slavic 7622** South Slavic Linguistics (3)
 - b. West Slavic
 - **Slavic 7623** Reading Course in a West Slavic Language (3)
 - **Slavic 7624** West Slavic Linguistics (3)
 - c. Old Church Slavonic
 - **Slavic 7625** Old Church Slavonic (3)
 - **Slavic 7626** Prehistory of the Slavic Languages (3)

d. Balkan

- **E Eur LL 5627** Reading Course in a Balkan or East European Language (1–3; must be taken for 3 credits to fulfill requirement)
- **E Eur LL 5628** Balkan Linguistics (3)

2) Slavic Linguistics Professionalization Forum (1 credit): take at least two semesters (2)

- **Slavic 6600** Slavic Linguistics Professionalization Forum (1; repeatable)

3) One elective course, chosen in consultation with the advisor (3)

4) 1 Russian literature/cultural studies course at the 6000-level or above, or 1 Slavic or East European literature/cultural studies course at the 5000-level or above (3)

5) Post-M.A. Paper (3)

- **Slavic 8999** Supervised Research (3)

6) Candidacy Examinations supervised preparation (3)

- **Slavic 8999** Supervised Research (3)

7) Required candidacy registration (6)

- **Slavic 8999** Supervised Research (3; repeatable for credit)

B. Specializations: All students are required to complete 1 track of their choice (18 credits minimum). There are three tracks to choose from: *Synchronic Slavic Linguistics*, *Historical Slavic Linguistics*, and *Slavic Second Language Acquisition*.

1) Synchronic Slavic Linguistics Track (18)

- **Prerequisite (6):** Structure of Russian Sequence (Russian 6601–6602)
- **Required courses (9):**
 - Slavic 8660 Seminar in Slavic Synchronic Linguistics (**3; repeatable**)
 - Slavic 8641 Data Analysis for Slavic Linguists (**3**)
 - Linguistics 5051 Quantitative Methods (**3**)
- **Elective courses (9):**
 - Slavic 8642 Pragmalinguistic Approaches to the Slavic Languages (**3**)
 - Linguistics 5001 Formal Foundations (**3**)
 - Linguistics 5101 Phonetic Theory 1 (**3**)
 - Linguistics 5201 Syntactic Theory 1 (**3**)
 - Linguistics 5301 Phonological Theory 1 (**3**)
 - Linguistics 5351 Morphological Theory (**3**)
 - Linguistics 5601 Quantitative Sociolinguistics (**3**)
 - Linguistics 5401 Semantics 1 (**3**)
 - A seminar in synchronic linguistics (**3**)
 - Other classes as approved by advisor (**3**)

2) Historical Slavic Linguistics Track (18)

- **Prerequisite (6):** History of Russian Sequence (Russian 6701–6702)
- **Pre- or co-requisites (6):** taken for M.A. or as Ph.D. requirement A1
 - Slavic 7625 Old Church Slavonic (3)
 - Slavic 7626 Prehistory of the Slavic Languages (3)
- **Required courses (6 minimum):**
 - Slavic 8741 Medieval Slavic Workshop (6)
 - Linguistics 5901 Historical Linguistics (3)
 - Linguistics 7901 Historical Phonology (3)
- **Elective courses (12 minimum):** at least 9 credits must be in Slavic or E Eur LL; at least 3 must be in Linguistics:
 - E Eur LL 5628 Balkan Linguistics (if not used for requirement A1) (3)
 - Slavic 7622 South Slavic Linguistics (if not used for requirement A1) (3)
 - Slavic 7624 West Slavic Linguistics (if not used for requirement A1) (3)
 - Slavic 8641 Data Analysis for Slavic Linguists (3)
 - Slavic 8642 Pragmalinguistic Approaches to the Slavic Languages (3)
 - Slavic 8741 Medieval Slavic Workshop (6)
 - Slavic 8760 Seminar in Slavic Historical Linguistics (3; repeatable)
 - Linguistics 5601 Qualitative Sociolinguistics (3)
 - Linguistics 5651 Languages in Contact (3)
 - Linguistics 5901 Historical Linguistics (3)
 - Linguistics 7901 Historical Phonology (3)
 - Linguistics 7902 Historical Morphology (3)
 - Other classes as approved by advisor

3) Slavic Second Language Acquisition Track (18)

- **Prerequisite (3):** Slavic 8800 Cognitive Aspects of SLA (3)
- **Required courses (9):**
 - Slavic 8801 Cognitive and Linguistic Aspects of Bilingualism (3)
 - Slavic 8802 Language and Memory: Psycholinguistic Approaches to Bilingualism (3)
 - Linguistics 5051 Quantitative Methods (3)
- **Elective courses (9):** at least 3 credits must be in Slavic:
 - Slavic 8860 Seminar in Slavic SLA (3; repeatable)
 - Linguistics 5701 Introduction to Psycholinguistics (3)
 - Slavic 8803 Language, culture, and cognition (3)
 - Slavic 8804 Psycholinguistics of Code-switching (3)
 - Education class on bilingualism at 5000-level or above (3)
 - Education class on testing at 5000-level or above (3)

- o Other classes as approved by advisor

Rationale for proposed program changes

The proposed changes have three general purposes. First, they are intended to reflect the changed research profile of the Slavic Linguistics faculty, which has seen 2 retirements and 2 new assistant professor hires in the last five years. In particular, Second Language Acquisition, the specialization of one of the new hires, has not been reflected in any of the Ph.D. requirements, while Slavic Synchronic Linguistics, the specialization of the other new hire, has been represented only weakly. Second, the changes are intended to allow students to develop a more focused specialization. Whereas the quarter-system Ph.D. program has been heavily slanted towards Slavic Historical Linguistics, the proposed semester-system program allows students to choose among three equally represented specialization tracks—Slavic Synchronic Linguistics, Slavic Historical Linguistics, and Slavic Second Language Acquisition—in accordance with their own interests. Third, the changes are intended to increase the theoretical and methodological preparation of the students in order to enhance their scholarly sophistication. Not only does the program include a number of theory- or methodology courses to be offered by the Slavic Linguistics Faculty in their own areas of specialization, but it also draws on the excellent resources of the Department of Linguistics. This will sharpen the focus of the doctoral students and help them to conduct more sophisticated, independent research in their targeted fields—the main goal of the program.

1) <u>Quarter System</u>	<u>Semester System</u>
Slavic 810 (Old Church Slavonic)	Optional course for Requirement A1; required for students in Historical Track
Third Slavic Language	Covered by Requirement A1

The proposed change is intended to eliminate language requirements that were assumed as “proficiencies” for the Ph.D.—i.e., were de facto mandates, though they were not counted among the 66 hours of required coursework under the quarter system. Thus in the proposed program Old Church Slavonic (Slavic 810) and a third Slavic language (after Russian and the second language required for the M.A.) are no longer “extras”; they have been made part of the required 50 semester hours as options under Requirement A1.

Under the quarter system, our Ph.D. program has required Ph.D. students to demonstrate some proficiency in one South Slavic language and one West Slavic language, and Old Church Slavonic. (Proficiency in Russian must be demonstrated for the M.A. degree by departmental examination.) As noted in the M.A. proposal, we have decided that it is necessary to begin this process during the period of M.A. study if students are to reach candidacy within a four-year period. Accordingly, under the semester system, one language sequence must be taken at the M.A. level and two others at the Ph.D. For the same reason, we have decided that it is no longer practicable for students to invest two years in studying four-skills language courses at the undergraduate level; rather, they are to develop a reading knowledge of a language for research purposes, which can be done within the space of a semester (given that they are familiar with related languages). The reading courses in question currently exist as Slavic 671, 672, 810, and E Eur LL 671, 672; they will be replaced by Slavic 7621, 7623, 7625, and E Eur LL 5627, respectively. In addition, we are pairing these reading courses with linguistics courses on the same languages, so that students can put their new reading knowledge to work on research

projects; these courses are the former Slavic 861, 862, 864, to be renumbered Slavic 7622, 7624, 7626, and E Eur LL 5628, respectively.

2) <u>Quarter System</u>	<u>Semester System</u>
2 courses in advanced history of Russian	1 course moved to M.A.
Slavic 810 (Old Church Slavonic— language proficiency)	Other course elective in Historical Track
Slavic 862 (Prehistory of Slavic)	Optional course for requirement A1; required for students in Historical Track
	Optional course for requirement A1; required for students in Historical Track

As noted above, the quarter-system program had a strong bias towards Slavic Historical Linguistics. While we feel that all students should have some background in this field (as well as in our other two fields, Slavic Synchronic Linguistics and Second Language Acquisition), it properly belongs in the more general M.A. degree rather than the more specialized Ph.D. Moreover, requiring students specializing in other areas to complete several courses in Slavic Historical Linguistics in the doctoral program has the potential to prolong their time-to-candidacy the pre-candidacy—a serious impediment, given that all doctoral students must now finish their coursework in two years (four semesters)—and to prevent them from going as deeply into their chosen field as is really needed to move quickly into their dissertation research.

3) <u>Quarter System</u>	<u>Semester System</u>
Russian 826 Topics in Structure (5)	Moved to M.A. (Russian 6602)
Slavic 821 Structure of a Slavic language (5)	To be covered in language sequence
History of the South Slavic Languages (5)	To be covered in language sequence
History of the West Slavic Languages (5)	To be covered in language sequence

As noted in the proposal for the semester-system M.A., the faculty wish to give students at that level stronger grounding in one of the fundamental subjects, the Structure of Russian, early in their graduate study in order to increase their linguistic sophistication and readiness for research. Accordingly, Russian 6602, semester-system equivalent of Russian 826, has been moved to the M.A. requirements and will be sequenced with the first course in Structure of Russian. The material typically covered in the other Synchronic Linguistics class required under the quarter system, Slavic 821, will be the topic of the second part of the language sequences to be required at both the M.A. and the Ph.D. level (Requirement A1); the same is true of Slavic 861 (renumbered 6622) and 862 (renumbered 6624). Previously, these courses were offered with no particular connection to the languages the students were actually studying to fulfill their required proficiencies. In the new program, each of the sequences for Requirement A1 consists of one class developing reading skills in a given language coupled with a linguistics class focused on that same language. The first course will give the students necessary skills and the second necessary background to conduct research on the given language.

4) <u>Quarter System</u>	<u>Semester System</u>
2 seminars	Seminars and focused courses are options in Requirements A4 and B

This change preserves the spirit of the requirement from the quarter-system program. It gives students greater flexibility in where the seminars will be counted, and it allows the courses to form part of a coherent specialized program.

5)	<u>Quarter System</u>	<u>Semester System</u>
	<u>1 graduate course in General Linguistics (5)</u>	<u>Selection in tracks (Requirement B)</u>

While the quarter-system program does require a course in General Linguistics, this can be chosen arbitrarily and may not have fitted into a coherent advanced degree. In the proposed program, by contrast, each of the specialization tracks includes several General Linguistics courses (as requirements or electives) that are tied to the topics of the tracks. This change is intended to give the students more focus and a greater preparation in linguistic theory.

6)	<u>Quarter System</u>	<u>Semester System</u>
	<u>2 literature/cultural studies courses (10)</u>	<u>1 literature/cultural studies course (3)</u>

While students of Slavic Linguistics need to have a background in the culture of the countries whose languages they research, they must also take a significant number of courses related to their specialization in the four semesters of pre-candidacy work. The proposed change is intended to economize time without detracting from the depth of their specialization. (A parallel reduction from two linguistics courses to one has been proposed for the Slavic Literature Ph.D. program.)

7)	<u>Quarter System</u>	<u>Semester System</u>
		<u>Slavic 8999 Supervised Research (12)</u>

Under the quarter system, virtually all students writing their required post-M.A. papers and preparing for their candidacy examinations have enrolled in independent studies of one number or another in order to reserve time for these undertakings. The proposed change simply institutionalizes this practice by requiring 6 credits of Slavic 8999 prior to candidacy. The remaining 6 credits of Slavic 8999 are mandated by the Graduate School for doctoral candidates.

7)	<u>Quarter System</u>	<u>Semester System</u>
		<u>Slavic 6600 Slavic Forum (2x @ 1)</u>

Attendance at our biweekly Slavic Linguistics Forum, where faculty and students present their ongoing research, is already expected of our students; the faculty consider it very useful for developing the students' research and presentation skills and for creating a collaborative atmosphere. The proposed change simply institutionalizes this expectation.

Rationale for change in credit hours

Not applicable. In accordance with the Graduate School plan for semester conversion, Ph.D. degree programs must have a minimum of 50 semester credits (including 6 credits taken over

two terms while in candidacy, and not counting the M.A. degree).

Transition Policy statement from the chair of the department

DSEELL will ensure that students who have begun their Ph.D. with a specialization in Slavic Linguistics under the quarter system will not have their progress to the degree delayed by the change to semesters. The following measures will be taken:

Requirement A1: One of the non-Russian language sequences will be offered during academic year 2011–12 and another during 2012–13 so that students can complete the requirement. (The quarter-system Slavic 671 + 861 or 862 and Slavic 810 + 864 will be counted as the equivalent of semester-system Slavic 7621 + 7622 or 7623 + 7624 and Slavic 7625 + 7626 for this purpose.)

Requirement A2: The Slavic Forum courses will be offered during academic years 2011–12 and 2012–13.

Requirement A3 is an elective, so students will be able to choose from a wide range of courses during academic years 2011–12 and 2012–13. The same is true for *Requirement A4*.

Requirements A5 and A6 are directed research courses that are offered every quarter and will be offered every semester.

Requirement B: Clearly not all of the track courses can be offered during the two transitional years. However, students continuing from the M.A. program are likely to transfer some of the required courses to the Ph.D. program. All of the tracks have generous menus of electives, including courses from other departments, which will give students some flexibility of choice. Advisors will meet with entering students in Autumn 2011 to map out a viable program spanning the two years of the transition. If, for whatever reason, a student is unable to take a necessary course during this period, the Graduate Studies Committee will find a suitable substitution; such variances will be handled on a case-by-case basis, with the understanding that all students entering the Ph.D. program in Autumn 2011 must be able to advance to candidacy in the Spring of 2013.

9. Curriculum Map for Slavic Ph.D., Specialization in Slavic Linguistics

	Program Goals				
	Goal 1 Breadth	Goal 2 Theory	Goal 3 Specialization	Goal 4 Research	Goal 5 Professionalization
Required Courses					
<i>A. Required for students in all tracks (32 cr)</i>					
<i>Requirement A1 (12 cr)</i>					
Lang Sequence 2	Advanced Low	Intermediate High	Intermediate High	Intermediate High	Advanced Low/Mid
Lang Sequence 3	Advanced Mid	Advanced Low/Mid	Advanced Low	Advanced Low	Advanced Mid
<i>Requirement A2 (2 cr)</i>					
Slavic 6660	Advanced Low/Mid	Advanced Low/Mid	Advanced Low/Mid	Advanced Low/Mid	Advanced Low/Mid
<i>Requirement A3 (3 cr)</i>					
Elective	Advanced Low/Mid	(Variable)	(Variable)	Advanced Low/Mid	Advanced Low/Mid
<i>Requirement A4 (3 cr)</i>					
Lit/Cult Studies	Advanced Low/Mid	NA	NA	Advanced Low/Mid	Advanced Low/Mid
<i>Requirement A5 (3 cr)</i>					
Post-M.A. Paper	NA	Advanced Low/Mid	Advanced Mid/High	Advanced Mid/High	Advanced Low/Mid
<i>Requirement A6 (3 cr)</i>					
Slavic 8999 Exams	Advanced Mid/High	Advanced Mid/High	Advanced Mid/High	Advanced Mid/High	Advanced Mid/High
<i>Requirement A7 (6 cr)</i>					
Slavic 8999 Diss.	Advanced High	Advanced High	Advanced High	Advanced High	Advanced High
<i>B. Requirement B1 (18 cr)</i>					
Specialization Track	Advanced Mid	Advanced Low/Mid	Advanced Mid/High	Advanced Mid/High	Advanced Low/Mid
Total credits: 50					