

(Handwritten mark)

Approval Form

11/103

Proposal Title: German Minor (Changed from "German Concentration")

Sponsor(s) Edward Smith Dept.: Foreign Lang. Ext. 3472

Check one: Course Specialization Concentration Minor Achievement Certificate
 Certification Program Major Program Minor Change German Concentration
(please name deletion or credit/title/catalog change)

Undergraduate Graduate 16 Credit Hours

<p>Step 1 (Department)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approved <u>10-14-94</u> Date</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Not Approved</p> <p><u>J. Martinez</u> Dept. CC Chairperson</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Reviewed <u>10-14-94</u> Date</p> <p><u>F. Martinez</u> Dept. Chairperson</p>	<p>Step 2 (Receipt)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SCC# <u>94-95-39</u></p> <p>Proposed Received <u>SENATE</u> Date</p> <p>OCT 17 1994</p> <p>RECEIVED <u>Ronald Fisher</u> SCC Chairperson</p>	<p>Step 3 (School CC)</p> <p>Reviewed <u>11/15/94</u></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Not Approved</p> <p>Comments:</p> <p><u>Joanne Scott</u> School Curr Comm Chairperson</p>
----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------	----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------	---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

<p>Step 4 (Academic Dean)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Recommend <input type="checkbox"/> Not Recommend <input type="checkbox"/> Conditionally Recommend (see comments)</p> <p>Reviewed _____ Date</p>	<p>Comments:</p> <p>RECEIVED DEC 15 1994</p> <p><u>SENATE</u> DEC 14 1994</p> <p>RECEIVED</p> <p>Signature, Dean of School _____</p>
--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------	----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

Step 5 (SCC)

Open Hearing 2/2/95 Approved by Senate Curriculum Committee 2/2/95
Date Date

Returned to sponsor(s) for the following reasons:

Step 6 (Senate)

Presented to Senate 2/11/95 Approved Not Approved

Notified to Executive Vice President/Provost Ronald Fisher

Step 7 (Executive V.P./Provost)

Received 3/9/95
Date

Approved Yes No

If no, reasons are as follows.

Student credit hours _____

Faculty load hours _____

Equalized credit hours _____

Official copy and approval sheet filed _____
Date

[Signature]
Signature, Executive Vice-President/Provost

Registrar

Approved course description received 15/11/95
Date

Hegis Taxonomy and Course Number assigned 21103

[Signature]
Signature, Registrar

15/11/95
Date

Notification forwarded:

- Senate Curriculum Committee Chairperson
- Department Chairperson(s)
- Academic Dean(s)
- Registrar
- Sponsor(s)

DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES

1. ABSTRACT

TITLE: German Minor (Changed from "German Concentration")
SPONSOR: Edward Smith, Dept. of Foreign Languages & Literatures

German is currently a "concentration" in the Department of Foreign Languages & Literatures and requires 18 credit hours of course work. A Minor in German (just as with the present concentration) would require a student to take Elementary German I and II, Intermediate German I and II, and at least two upper level German courses (from: German Reading and Composition; Advanced German Conversation; German Civilization and Culture). The level and number of required courses is thus the same as for the French and Spanish Minors, the only languages in the department for which there are presently minor programs.

Many students enjoy pursuing German but are disappointed that it comes under the heading "concentration" and not "minor". This semantic difference has a potential negative impact on enrollment. Changing the word "concentration" to "minor" would allow German to be more easily recognized as a serious course of study, and would enhance the prospects of those students seeking employment or applying to graduate school after leaving Rowan.

All of the courses for this proposed minor are in the Department of Foreign Languages & Literatures. The program would not require additional resources since the courses needed for a German Minor are already being taught (under the title "German Concentration") and would be able to handle additional enrollment.

2. DETAILS:

- a. German Minor (Changed from "German Concentration")
- b. Sponsor: Edward Smith, Department of Foreign Languages & Literatures
- c. Size of Program: There are currently approximately 40 to 50 students enrolled in German classes on all levels. Approximately 10 of these students are enrolled in third year. The lower level German courses are typically populated with music and mathematics majors as well as with students attempting to fulfill General Education requirements, while the higher level courses draw from a range of disciplines. All sections could handle additional enrollment.
- d. Need for program: Interest in German language and culture has grown in the South Jersey/Tri-State area in recent years and this interest is likely to increase due to the economic and cultural bonds between Germany and the United States. There are a large number of German-American companies in the immediate area which would welcome employees with a knowledge of German. Many graduate programs require a knowledge of a foreign language, and German is a recommended program of study particularly for students studying or wishing to pursue careers in Business, Science, Mathematics and Engineering.

e. Requirements for Admission to Program: Students may begin at the Elementary German I level.

f., g. & h. Present resources are sufficient and no additional faculty, space or time would be required for the implementation of this name change.

3. RATIONALE:

A name change from German Concentration to German Minor would contribute to Rowan's reputation as an institution interested in broadening the general background of students and in increasing their knowledge of other cultures.

The number and sequence of courses for the German Concentration are the same as for the Spanish and French Minors. This name change would thus be a more truthful portrayal of the quality and level of training received in German. It would also correspond to other existing minor programs in other departments.

The traditional rationale that a minor must originate within a program which has a major has become an outdated notion at Rowan (French, for example is no longer a major but is a minor all the same). It is likewise not simply a "coordinated grouping of courses" (one of the meanings given to the term "concentration") but, like the Spanish and French Minors, a program of sequential courses all to be found in the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures.

4. ESSENCE OF THE PROGRAM

a. The major goal of the German program is to give students a sound understanding of the language as well as of the culture and literature of German-speaking countries.

b. The specific objectives of the German program are: to encourage the speaking of German in contextual situations; to prepare students interested in pursuing careers wherein knowledge of a second language is advantageous (international business, foreign service, teaching); to broaden the background of students through a knowledge of other cultures; to encourage interest in German organizations, societies and clubs outside the classroom.

c. Structure of the Program: To obtain a Minor in German a student would be required to take:

1103.101 - Elementary German I (3 credits)
1103.102 - Elementary German II (3 credits)
1103.201 - Intermediate German I (3 credits)
1103.211 - Intermediate German II (3 credits)

And at least two of the following three courses:

1103.212 - German Reading and Composition (3 credits)
(Prerequisite: 201 and 211 or three years of high school German)
1103.311 - Advanced German Conversation (3 credits)
(Prerequisite: 212)
1103.320 - German Civilization and Culture (3 credits)
(Prerequisite: 212)

for a total of 18 semester hours. The elementary and intermediate courses must be taken sequentially. All courses are in the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures.

d. The German Program compares favorably with the programs of other institutions which offer a Minor in German. The elementary and intermediate courses are fairly standard, and the level and quality of instruction of the 200 and 300 level courses conforms to the pattern established in minor programs offered at this and other institutions.

e. The administration of the Minor in German would be from within the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures.

f. Program Evaluation: Enrollment figures in subsequent semesters will be carefully scrutinized on all levels. Careful attention to grades received over the three year period leading to a German Minor as well as advisement by the German language coordinator will likewise be performed.

5. CONSULTATIONS:

Pearl Bartelt, Dean, School of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Jacqueline Benevento, Secondary Education

Maria Ciaverelli, Foreign Languages and Literatures

Laurie Howald, Foreign Languages and Literatures

Francisco Martinez-Yanes, Chair, Foreign Languages and Literatures

Enrique Pujals, Foreign Languages and Literatures

Josefina Pujals, Foreign Languages and Literatures

Sonia Spencer, Foreign Languages and Literatures

The name change from "German Concentration" to "German Minor" is supported by all consultants. This support is unanimous in the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures.