

Program Change Request

New Program Proposal

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Viewing: **GIST-CRTU : Certificate in Persian Language and Cultures**

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Changes proposed by: f409w960

Academic Career	Undergraduate, Lawrence		
Program Type	Certificate		
Department/Program	Global & International Studies		
School/College	College of Lib Arts & Sciences		
Consulting School(s)/College(s)			
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CIP Code	16.0801		
Program Name	Certificate in Persian Language and Cultures		
Do you intend to offer a track(s)?	No		
Location(s) of Instruction	Lawrence		
Do you intend for this program to be offered online?	No		
Effective Catalog	2019-2020		

In Workflow

- A. CLAS Dean or Associate Dean
- B. Provost's Office
- C. CLAS Undergraduate Program and Course Coordinator
- D. CUSA Subcommittee
- E. CUSA Committee
- F. CAC
- G. CLAS Final Approval
- H. OIRP CIP Approval
- I. Provost's Office
- J. Future Academic Catalog

Approval Path

- A. 10/22/18 7:39 pm
Karen Ledom (kjh): Approved for CLAS Dean or Associate Dean
- B. 11/14/18 1:10 pm
Linda Luckey (lluckey): Approved for Provost's Office
- C. 11/15/18 3:13 pm
Rachel Schvien (rschvien): Approved for CLAS Undergraduate Program and Course Coordinator
- D. 04/19/19 1:24 pm
Rachel Schvien (rschvien): Approved for CUSA Subcommittee

Program Description

This certificate will provide undergraduate students with a designation of expertise in Persian language and related cultures. Currently, no such credentials exist for students at KU for this critical language. Students taking upper level language courses and courses related to Persian cultures, societies, and politics will be able to receive certification for their investment.

Demand/Need for the Program

Farsi/Persian is considered a critical language by the US government, it is a language and culture that factors heavily into contemporary global politics and discussions, and the language and culture offers relevance across professional fields. We would like to see increased enrollments in Persian, and it is currently hampered by the fact that KU provides little in the way of transcript-based credentials for students investing in the language. We would like to tie this together as a certificate, especially since no additional resources would be needed.

Comparative/Locational Advantage

Such a comparable program does not exist in the state/region, but a number of national universities have a similar certificate credential, including Princeton and the University of Maryland. Minors are more common in the region: A minor in Persian exists at the University of Texas, the University of Oklahoma, University of Texas, and Texas Tech.

Admission Requirements

Degree Requirements

Course List

Code	Title	Hours
Required language coursework: 6 hours in Persian language coursework in courses numbered <u>PERS 220</u> or above. This includes any of the following:		
Completion of <u>PERS 110</u>, <u>PERS 120</u>, <u>PERS 210</u> or the equivalent is required before starting on the Persian language coursework below.		
<u>PERS 220</u>	Intermediate Iranian/Dari/Tajik Persian II	
<u>PERS 593</u>	Directed Study in Persian Culture and Literature: _____	
<u>PERS 310</u>	Advanced Iranian/Dari/Tajik Persian I	
<u>PERS 320</u>	Advanced Iranian/Dari/Tajik Persian II	
Culture Electives: Students must take any two of the following		
<u>HIST 328</u>	The Modern Middle East	
<u>HIST 481</u>	From Harem to the Streets: Gender in the Middle East, 1900-Present	
<u>HIST 570</u>	The Middle East After World War II	
<u>GIST 335</u>	Iran Through Literature and Film	
<u>GIST 530</u>	Politics and Society in the Contemporary Persianate World	
<u>GIST 535</u>	Literature and Society in the Contemporary Middle East	
<u>GIST 624</u>	Social Movements in the Middle East	
<u>GIST 633</u>	Iran, Turkey, and the Kurds	
<u>GIST 667/POLS 676</u>	Islam and Politics	
<u>POLS 661</u>	Politics of the Middle East	

Faculty Profile

Name of Faculty and Rank	Highest Degree	Number of Faculty FTE
Mike Wuthrich - Assistant Professor Razi Ahmad - Persian Lang & Cult Lecturer Marie Brown - Associate Professor	PhD PhD PhD	1.5

Student Profile

Anticipated student enrollment			
	Full Time	Part Time	Total
Year 1	5	1	6
Year 2	8	1	9
Year 3	12	1	13

Anticipated number of program graduates	
After 5 Years	30
After 7 Years	50

Academic Support

No additional support is needed.

Facilities and Equipment

No additional facilities or equipment needed.

Program Review, Assessment, Accreditation

Review of the program will be conducted on a regular basis by the director of the Center for Global & International Studies and the director of the Middle East Studies program.

Costs, Financing

	Salaries	OOE	Equipment	Other	TOTAL
Year 1	0	0	0	0	0
Year 2	0	0	0	0	0
Year 3	0	0	0	0	0

What is the source of the new funds?

No additional funds are needed.

Rationale for proposal

The certificate program is a very safe way to begin to provide academic credentials to the students who are investing in Persian language studies at the moment, and it provides a language and culture opportunity that is attainable for highly demanding professional schools, like engineering. This is simply a way to package already existing resources in a meaningful way--as has been done in other schools with or without a minor in the language.

Additional Information**Supporting Documents**

[GIST-CRTU_Certificate in Persian Language and Cultures_CourseSchedule.docx](#)

Program Reviewer Comments

Karen Ledom (kjh) (09/16/18 6:45 pm): No notation of who in HIST and POLS approved course inclusion. Also GIST 330 does not exist as a course? emailed dept. KJL

Karen Ledom (kjh) (09/21/18 1:37 pm): Per GIST response, GIST 330 should be GIST 335. Made change on dept's behalf.

Karen Ledom (kjh) (10/14/18 3:42 pm): Per email from M. Wuthrich, HIST dept chair Eve Levin and instructor Marie Brown both confirmed support of proposal to include HIST courses. Request to add HIST 570 as an option has been included. Also per email, John Kennedy, UG Coordinator for POLS has approved inclusion of POLS courses. Finally, small correction of course number from GIST 330 to GIST 335 has been addressed.

Bridget Bradley (bbradley) (04/15/19 9:04 am): 4/8/19 - Mike Wuthrich approved removing admissions requirements and updating text to help clarify prerequisites.

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Course offering schedule

PERS 220: Intermediate Persian II (offered every spring)

PERS 310: Advanced Persian I (offered every fall)

PERS 320: Advanced Persian II (offered every spring)

PERS 593: Directed Study in Persian Culture and Literature (offered every spring)

HIST 328: The Modern Middle East (offered FA17, FA19 – typically offered every fall—with an occasional exception)

HIST 481: From Harem to the Streets: Gender in the Middle East, 1900-Present (offered SP18 – usually once every three semesters)

HIST 570: The Middle East After World War II (only occasionally offered)

GIST 335: Iran through Literature and Film (typically offered every other spring)

GIST 530: Politics and Society in the Contemporary Persianate World (typically offered every other spring)

GIST 535: Literature and Society in the Contemporary Middle East (typically offered every summer)

GIST 624: Social Movements in the Middle East (typically offered every spring)

GIST 633: Iran, Turkey, and the Kurds (typically will be offered once every three semesters)

GIST/POLS 667: Islam and Politics (typically will be offered once every three semesters)

POLS 661: Politics of the Middle East (typically offered annually)