

# KENT STATE UNIVERSITY CERTIFICATION OF CURRICULUM PROPOSAL

Preparation Date **23 October 2014**

Curriculum Bulletin \_\_\_\_\_

Effective Date **Fall 2015** Approved by EPC \_\_\_\_\_

Department **Modern and Classical Languages**  
 College **AS - Arts and Sciences**  
 Degree **Minor**  
 Program Name **Italian Studies** Program Banner Code \_\_\_\_\_  
 Concentration(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Concentration(s) Banner Code(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Proposal **Establish program**

Description of proposal:

**Establish a Minor in Italian Studies**

Does proposed revision change program's total credit hours?  Yes  No

Current total credit hours: **18** Proposed total credit hours **18**

Describe impact on other programs, policies or procedures (e.g., duplication issues; enrollment and staffing considerations; need; audience; prerequisites; teacher education licensure):

**Using existing courses in a variety of programs to establish a Minor in Italian Studies.**

Units consulted (other departments, programs or campuses affected by this proposal):

**Art Department, History Department, Fashion**

### REQUIRED ENDORSEMENTS

	11 / 12 / 14
Department Chair / School Director	
_____	1 / 1
Campus Dean (for Regional Campuses proposals)	
	12 / 5 / 14
College Dean (or designee)	
_____	1 / 1
Dean of Graduate Studies (for graduate proposals)	
_____	1 / 1
Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs (or designee)	

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## Proposal Summary

### **Title: Establishing a Minor in Italian Studies**

### **Description of Action, Including Intended Effect**

The purpose of this proposal is to establish a Minor in Italian Studies to be offered by the Department of Modern and Classical Languages.

A Minor in Italian Studies at Kent State University will satisfy the desire of the student population to study the language, culture, cinema, literature, history, philosophy and art of Italy in a wider, more interdisciplinary and more accessible way than is currently possible with the Italian Minor which is focused predominantly on language acquisition and proficiency.

A Minor in Italian Studies will provide students from a variety of majors and colleges across the university who travel to our Florence, Italy campus an opportunity to expand their study abroad experience into a more cohesive academic project in their overall degree program at Kent State.

The proposed Minor in Italian Studies will allow for students to choose from the current and expanded list of elective courses offered in a variety of departments.

### **Impact on Other Programs, Course Offerings, Students, Faculty, Staff (e.g., duplication issues)**

Courses will be offered as they currently exist in each department and no duplication issues are expected to arise.

### **Fiscal, Enrollment, Facilities and Staffing Considerations**

The establishment of this Minor would not require additional staffing or faculty since the courses for the Minor are already part of the normal course offerings across a variety of departments at Kent. There should be no negative impact on current programs because no new courses need to be developed. Units have been consulted to assure that current courses and programs can absorb potential increased enrollment due to the addition of this Minor.

### **Evidence of Need and Sustainability if Establishing**

The predominant need for an Italian Studies Minor is evidenced by the increasing interest in the Florence, Italy campus as a destination for Fall, Spring and Summer study abroad. Spring 2015 enrollment at that campus, for example, has hit a program record of 170 students. Courses offered during the inaugural year of the Florence Summer Institute 2014 session on subjects ranging from the History of the Italian Mafia (23), Modern Italian History and Culture (16), the Genius of Florence (30) and the Golden Age of Italian Art (20) were enormously popular (enrollment numbers are in parenthesis). These courses, amongst others, serve as feeder courses for the Minor. Students from a wide range of colleges beyond Arts and Sciences (CCI, BUS and EHHS) who attend the

Florence campus could be attracted to a Minor in Italian Studies based on their initial English-language exposure to subjects of Italian interest.

**Provisions for Phase-Out if Inactivating (Not applicable)**

**Timetable and Actions Required:** *a chronology of actions required to approve the proposal with an anticipated implementation date for each action*

Fall 2014 MCLS CC  
Fall 2014 A & S CC  
Spring 2015 EPC  
Effective Fall 2015

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**ITALIAN STUDIES MINOR**

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Department: Department of Modern and Classical Language Studies

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The Italian Studies Minor is an interdisciplinary program in the language, literature, history, theatre, music, and art of Italy. Students are introduced to Italian civilization and culture from the Romans to the present, with a focus on a wide range of possible subjects across multiple disciplines. Students in Italian Studies are encouraged to study abroad at the KSU Florence campus in Florence, Italy.

Type Legend: DD Diversity--Domestic; DG Diversity--Global; ELR Experiential Learning; KAD Kent Core Additional; KBS Kent Core Basic Sciences; KCM Kent Core Composition; KFA Kent Core Fine Arts; KHU Kent Core Humanities; KMC Kent Core Mathematics and Critical Reasoning; KSS Kent Core Social Sciences; WIC Writing Intensive

Please read the sections in the University Catalog on [Kent Core](#), [diversity](#), [writing-intensive](#) and the [experiential learning](#) requirements.

II ITALIAN STUDIES MINOR REQUIREMENTS (18 credits)			
Type	Course	Title	Credits
	Choose from the following: <sup>1</sup>		18
ITAL	25201	Intermediate Italian I (3)	
	25202	Intermediate Italian II (3)	
ITAL	3/4xxxx	Upper division Italian electives	
ARTH	42041	Italian Renaissance Art (3)	
	42043	The High Renaissance and Mannerism in Italy (3)	
	42044	Venetian Renaissance Art (3)	
	42046	Baroque Art of the 17th Century (3)	
	42091	Art History Seminar <sup>2</sup>	
HIST	41020	Nineteenth Century Europe	
HIST	41017	Seventeenth Century Europe	
CLAS	21405	The Roman Achievement	
FDM	35901	Italian Fashion and Culture (3)	
<b>MINIMUM TOTAL</b>			<b>18</b>

<sup>1</sup> Special topics courses and courses from the Kent State Florence program may be included with the permission of the director of the Italian Studies minor.

<sup>2</sup> ARTH 42091 Art History Seminar is a variable topic seminar. *MCLS*  
 Students declared in the Italian Studies minor may use ARTH 42091 Seminar: Art Experiences in Italy to fulfill minor requirements. Other Art History Seminar topics related to Italy and Italian art may be used to fulfill minor requirements with the permission of the director of the Italian Studies minor.

Stasiowski, Kristin

Mon 11/10/2014 2:26 PM

To: CARDUNER, JESSIE <jcardune@kent.edu>;

Dear Jesse,

This is the word from Ken Bindas in history....(see below) and then I have spoken with Fred Smith who said basically that everything is ok, but he will put it in writing by the end of the day.

Are we still ok?

Un abbraccione,  
Kristin

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**From:** BINDAS, KENNETH  
**Sent:** Monday, November 10, 2014 2:04 PM  
**To:** Stasiowski, Kristin  
**Subject:** Re: Italian Minor

Perfect . . .  
 ken  
 Kenneth J. Bindas  
 Professor & Chair  
 Department of History

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**From:** <Stasiowski>, Kristin <kstasiow@kent.edu>  
**Date:** Monday, November 10, 2014 at 2:00 PM  
**To:** Ken Bindas <kbindas@kent.edu>  
**Subject:** RE: Italian Minor

So, these courses would be OK?? (This is how the Minor sheet would appear)

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HIST 41020 Nineteenth Century Europe

HIST 41017 Seventeenth Century Europe

CLAS 21405 The Roman Achievement

FDM 35901 Italian Fashion and Culture (3)

**MINIMUM TOTAL 18****From:** BINDAS, KENNETH**Sent:** Monday, November 10, 2014 1:40 PM**To:** Stasiowski, Kristin**Subject:** Re: Italian Minor

Kristin,

This looks good, although the Renaissance course is no longer part of our curriculum. Instead you might substitute 41017 Seventeenth Century Europe and/or 41020 Nineteenth century Europe. I think that the CC will have an issue listing a course on your minor that doesn't appear as a history course.

Ken

Kenneth J. Bindas

Professor &amp; Chair

Department of History

**From:** <Stasiowski>, Kristin <kstasiow@kent.edu>**Date:** Monday, November 10, 2014 at 1:27 PM**To:** Ken Bindas <kbindas@kent.edu>**Subject:** Italian Minor

My darling Bindas,

This email falls under the "Units Consulted" portion of my bid for an Italian Studies Minor which was approved by the MCLS CC on Friday. Presuming you are OK with what you see in the catalog copy here, we will be clear to move forward.

Can you give it a quick look and let me know what you think?

Un abbraccione,

Kristin

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Stasiowski, Kristin

Mon 11/10/2014 5:54 PM

To: CARDUNER, JESSIE <jcardune@kent.edu>;

Dear Jesse,

Here is the approval from Art History! YAY! Is there a formal way that I need to register these approvals? Both for History and Art History?

Un abbraccione,  
Kristin

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**From:** SMITH, FRED  
**Sent:** Monday, November 10, 2014 5:35 PM  
**To:** Stasiowski, Kristin  
**Subject:** Re: Italian Minor

Hi Kristen, I read the proposal information and consulted with Gus Medicus and other art history faculty and we fully support your proposal. Fred

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**From:** Stasiowski, Kristin  
**Sent:** Monday, November 10, 2014 1:38 PM  
**To:** SMITH, FRED  
**Subject:** FW: Italian Minor

Dear Fred,

Thank you so much for taking a look at all of these. You are, as always, a hero.

I am thrilled about the numbers for your upcoming trip! Bravo Fred! Way to rock the world of study abroad!

Un abbraccione,  
Kristin

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