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**Potter College of Arts & Letters**

**Department of Modern Languages/KIIS**

**Proposal to Create a Temporary Course**

**(Information Item)**

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**1. Identification of proposed course**

1.1 Course prefix and number: MLNG 100

1.2 Course title: Modern Language and Culture On-Site

1.3 Abbreviated course title: Modern Language & Culture

1.4 Credit hours: 1 - 3

1.5 Schedule Type: Lecture/Lab/Seminar

1.6 Prerequisites/corequisites: None

1.7 Course description:

An introduction to non-English language and foreign culture in conjunction with study abroad for students with little or no previous language study. This basic introductory course will be used in instances where WKU does not offer the language in question (e.g. Ukrainian 100). Does not fulfill the general education foreign language requirement. May be repeated for a total of three credits.

**2. Rationale**

2.1 Reason for offering this course on a temporary basis:

There is a need for a basic introductory Modern Language course, to be used primarily for study abroad purposes, that is not language or country specific. For example, on the KIIS (Summer) Slavic Europe or Istanbul programs, KIIS may offer basic Ukrainian or basic Turkish (lower in level than even 101). There is not yet a need to create individual course designations (e.g. Ukrainian 100 or Turkish 100); MLNG 100 will suffice in situations such as these. No current course in Modern Languages, or at WKU, meets these needs. In the Fall, Modern Languages and KIIS will submit a proposal to make MLNG 100 a permanent course offering.

In Summer 2011 on its Slavic Europe program, KIIS offered Ukrainian 100 on a temporary basis. KIIS did not offer Ukrainian 100 in Summer 2012, but did so again this past Summer on the Slavic Europe program. Because it had been two years since offering Ukrainian 100, we overlooked that Ukrainian 100 had been created only on a temporary basis. As a result, we are requesting MLNG 100 on a temporary basis for use for the Summer 2013 KIIS Slavic Europe program. Modern Languages and KIIS will request MLNG 100 on a permanent basis so we can offer Ukrainian 100 (or Turkish 100, etc.) in the future.

2.2 Relationship of the course to courses offered in other departments:

Courses such as GERM, FREN, SPAN 100 and others already exist in the Modern Languages Department. This course meets the need for an introductory course about a language/culture for which no prefix exists at WKU. The course provides a basic foundation in language and culture that prepares students to learn more effectively in the study abroad environment and to interpret both experiences on-site and content of courses in other departments that are specific to the target cultures at the site. Other courses in the KIIS Slavic Europe program are a history course (e.g., HIST 490: Topics in History I: The People, History and Culture of Eastern Europe) or a sociology course (e.g., SOCL 489: Sociology Study Abroad: Genocides in the 20th Century).

**3. Description of proposed course**

3.1 Course content outline:

* Participation in carefully planned and supervised activities designed to bring the student into contact with foreign-speaking people and aspects of their culture.

3.4 Tentative texts:

* These will vary, depending on the instructor and locale in which the course is taught.

**4. Second offering of a temporary course**

* Not applicable

**5. Term of Implementation:**

This course will begin implementation in the Summer of 2013.

**7. Dates of review/approvals:**

Modern Languages Department

Potter College Curriculum Committee

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Provost

**Attachment: Course Inventory Form**