Bachelor of Arts in Slavic Languages and Literatures

Why study Slavic languages and literatures?
Because Russia and the Slavs link the West and the East.

Undergraduate Admission

Admission to KU
All students applying for admission must send high school and college transcripts to the Office of Admissions. Unless they are college transfer students with at least 24 hours of credit, prospective students must send ACT or SAT scores to the Office of Admissions. Prospective first-year students should be aware that KU has qualified admission requirements that all new first-year students must meet to be admitted. Consult the Office of Admissions (http://admissions.ku.edu) for application deadlines and specific admission requirements.

Visit the Office of International Student and Scholar Services (http://www.iss.ku.edu) for information about international admissions.

Students considering transferring to KU may see how their college-level course work will transfer on the Office of Admissions (http://credittransfer.ku.edu) website.

Admission to the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Admission to the College is a different process from admission to a major field. Some CLAS departments have admission requirements. See individual department/program sections for departmental admission requirements.

Requirements for the B.A. Major

The student completes a minimum of 30 hours of study (29 hours for Russian emphasis) in one of 3 emphases: Polish, Russian, or South Slavic (Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian). The department encourages students to fulfill general education requirements from courses in the SLAV 140/SLAV 141, SLAV 144/SLAV 145, and SLAV 148/SLAV 149 series. Beyond the minimum 27 hours, students are strongly encouraged to take additional courses in the Slavic department and appropriate background courses in the history, philosophy, and political science of the Slavic regions.

Polish Studies Emphasis

Majors choosing this option must complete courses as indicated in following areas:

Prerequisite Knowledge and Skills (0)
The following courses provide fundamental skills for the major, but do not contribute to the minimum required hours for the major.

Elementary Polish I. Satisfied by:

PLSH 104 Elementary Polish I

Elementary Polish II. Satisfied by:

PLSH 204 Intermediate Polish I

Polish Studies Emphasis Core Knowledge and Skills (15)

Intermediate Polish II. Satisfied by:

PLSH 208 Intermediate Polish II 3

Advanced Polish I. Satisfied by:

PLSH 504 Advanced Polish I 3

Advanced Polish II. Satisfied by:

PLSH 508 Advanced Polish II 3

Readings in Polish Language and Literature. Satisfied by:

SLAV 506 Masterworks of Polish and Czech Literature 3

Required Electives (12)

Satisfied by 4 courses (12 hours) chosen from the following: 12

SLAV 144/145 Survey of Russian Literature in Translation

SLAV 318 Jews and Slavs in Eastern Europe

SLAV 340/341 Introduction to the Languages and Peoples of Russia and East-Central Europe

SLAV 504 Introduction to East-Central European Culture and Society: ______

SLAV 514 Totalitarianism and Literature in Central Europe

SLAV 516 Love, Lust and Liberty: Polish and Czech Film Adaptations

SLAV 635 Language, Culture and Ethnicity in Prehistoric Eastern Europe

ECON 560 Economic Systems

HIST 377 Everyday Communism in Eastern Europe

HIST 557 Nationalism and Communism in East Central Europe from 1772 to the Present

PHIL 580 Marxism (or other relevant course in philosophy)

Senior Capstone Seminar. Satisfied by: (3)

SLAV 495 Senior Capstone Seminar 3

Majors are strongly encouraged to study abroad. Please see your advisor about this opportunity.

Major Hours & Major GPA

While completing all required courses (above), majors must also meet each of the following hour and grade-point average minimum standards:

Major Hours
Satisfied by 30 hours of major courses.

Major Hours in Residence
Satisfied by a minimum of 15 hours of KU resident credit in the major.

Major Junior/Senior (300+) Hours
Satisfied by a minimum of 12 hours from junior/senior courses (300+) in the major.

Major Junior/Senior (300+) Graduation GPA
Satisfied by a minimum of a 2.0 KU GPA in junior/senior courses (300+) in the major. GPA calculations include all junior/senior courses in the field of
study including F’s and repeated courses. See the Semester/Cumulative GPA Calculator (http://clas.ku.edu/undergrad/tools/gpa).

**Russian Emphasis**

Majors choosing this option must complete courses as indicated in following areas:

**Prerequisite Knowledge and Skills (15)**
The following courses provide fundamental skills for the major, but do not contribute to the minimum required hours for the major.

Elementary Russian I. Satisfied by:

- **RUSS 104** Elementary Russian I
- **RUSS 110** Intensive Elementary Russian

Elementary Russian II. Satisfied by:

- **RUSS 108** Elementary Russian II
- **RUSS 110** Intensive Elementary Russian

Intermediate Russian I. Satisfied by:

- **RUSS 204** Intermediate Russian I

**Russian Emphasis Core Knowledge and Skills (26)**

Intermediate Russian II. Satisfied by:

- **RUSS 208** Intermediate Russian II

Advanced Russian Language. Satisfied by one of the following:

- **RUSS 504** Advanced Russian I
- **RUSS 508** Advanced Russian II
- **RUSS 512** Russian for the Professions I
- **RUSS 516** Russian for the Professions II

Russian Linguistics. Satisfied by one one course (3 hours, 200+)

- **SLAV 340** Introduction to the Languages and Peoples of Russia and East-Central Europe
- **SLAV 341** Introduction to the Languages and Peoples of Russia and East-Central Europe, Honors
- **SLAV 520** Russian Phonetics, Phonology, and Inflectional Morphology
- **SLAV 522** The Grammatical Categories of Russian: Linguistic Units, Functions and Meanings
- **SLAV 524** Russian Since the Revolution
- **SLAV 540** Language and Identity in East-Central Europe and the Former Soviet Union

Russian Literature. Satisfied by 1 course (3 hours, 400+)

- **SLAV 510** The Russian Literary Genius
- **SLAV 530** Introduction to Russian Poetry
- **SLAV 532** Dostoevsky
- **SLAV 534** Tolstoy
- **SLAV 536** Turgenev
- **SLAV 562** Russian Theatre and Drama from Stanislavski and Chekhov to the Present
- **SLAV 564** The “Woman Question” in Nineteenth-Century Russian Literature
- **SLAV 566** The Devil in Russian Literature
- **SLAV 568** Biblical Themes in Modern Russian Literature
- **SLAV 612** Introduction to Russian Literature of the Nineteenth Century
- **SLAV 614** Russian Literature in Translation: ______

Required Electives

Satisfied by 3 courses (9 hours) in Russian literature, linguistics, culture, or advanced language chosen in consultation with the major advisor. Note that only one (1) 100-level course (either SLAV 140/SLAV 141, SLAV 144/SLAV 145, or SLAV 148/SLAV 149) may count as a required elective for the Russian emphasis major.

**Language**

- **RUSS 512** Russian for the Professions I
- **RUSS 516** Russian for the Professions II
- **RUSS 522** Problems in Translating Russian into English I
- **RUSS 526** Problems in Translating Russian into English II
- **RUSS 600** Classics of Russian Culture
- **RUSS 604** Contemporary Russian Culture
- **RUSS 608** Russian Phonetics and Grammar
- **RUSS 612** Introduction to Russian Literature
- **RUSS 616** Stylistics

**Linguistics**

- **SLAV 340** Introduction to the Languages and Peoples of Russia and East-Central Europe
- **SLAV 341** Introduction to the Languages and Peoples of Russia and East-Central Europe, Honors
- **SLAV 520** Russian Phonetics, Phonology, and Inflectional Morphology
- **SLAV 522** The Grammatical Categories of Russian: Linguistic Units, Functions and Meanings
- **SLAV 524** Russian Since the Revolution
- **SLAV 540** Language and Identity in East-Central Europe and the Former Soviet Union

**Culture**

- **SLAV 500** Russia Today
- **SLAV 502** Introduction to Russian Culture and Society: ______
- **SLAV 503** Post-Soviet Communication
- **SLAV 600** Biography of a City: ______
- **SLAV 684** Main Currents of Russian Thought I
- **SLAV 686** Main Currents of Russian Thought II

**Literature**

- **SLAV 510** The Russian Literary Genius
- **SLAV 530** Introduction to Russian Poetry
- **SLAV 532** Dostoevsky
- **SLAV 534** Tolstoy
- **SLAV 536** Turgenev
- **SLAV 562** Russian Theatre and Drama from Stanislavski and Chekhov to the Present
SLAV 564  The "Woman Question" in Nineteenth-Century Russian Literature
SLAV 566  The Devil in Russian Literature
SLAV 568  Biblical Themes in Modern Russian Literature
SLAV 612  Introduction to Russian Literature of the Nineteenth Century
SLAV 614  Russian Literature in Translation: ______
SLAV 616  Introduction to Russian Literature of the Twentieth Century
SLAV 642  Pushkin and Evgenij Onegin
SLAV 650  The Russian Short Story
SLAV 656  Russian Literature of the Eighteenth Century
SLAV 660  Nineteenth Century Russian Prose and Fiction
SLAV 662  Russian Literary Modernism: 1880-1930
SLAV 664  Soviet Russian Literature: 1930-1990
SLAV 667  Post-Soviet Literature
SLAV 668  Nabokov

Senior Capstone Seminar. Satisfied by: (3)
SLAV 495  Senior Capstone Seminar 3

Majors are strongly encouraged to study abroad. Please see your advisor about this opportunity.

**Major Hours & Major GPA**

While completing all required courses (above), majors must also meet each of the following hour and grade-point average minimum standards:

**Major Hours**
Satisfied by 29 hours of major courses.

**Major Hours in Residence**
Satisfied by a minimum of 15 hours of KU resident credit in the major.

**Major Junior/Senior (300+) Hours**
Satisfied by a minimum of 12 hours from junior/senior courses (300+) in the major.

**Major Junior/Senior (300+) Graduation GPA**
Satisfied by a minimum of a 2.0 KU GPA in junior/senior courses (300+) in the major. GPA calculations include all junior/senior courses in the field of study including F's and repeated courses. See the Semester/Cumulative GPA Calculator (http://clas.ku.edu/undergrad/tools/gpa).

**South Slavic Studies Emphasis**

Majors choosing this option must complete courses as indicated in following areas:

**Prerequisite Knowledge and Skills (13)**

The following courses provide fundamental skills for the major, but do not contribute to the minimum required hours for the major.

Elementary Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian I. Satisfied by:

- BCRS 104  Elementary Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian I 5
- Elementary Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian II. Satisfied by:
  - BCRS 108  Elementary Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian II 5
- Intermediate Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian I. Satisfied by:
  - BCRS 204  Intermediate Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian I 3

**Slavic Studies Emphasis Core Knowledge and Skills (27)**

- Intermediate Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian II. Satisfied by:
- BCRS 208  Intermediate Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian II 3

Advanced Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian I. Satisfied by:

- BCRS 504  Advanced Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian I 3

Advanced Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian II. Satisfied by:

- BCRS 508  Advanced Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian II 3

South Slavic Literature and Civilization. Satisfied by:

- SLAV 508  South Slavic Literature and Civilization 3

**Required Electives**
Satisfied by 5 courses (15 hours) chosen from the following: 15

- BCRS 380  Intensive Croatian
- BCRS 675  Readings in Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian
- ECON 560  Economic Systems
- HIST 377  Everyday Communism in Eastern Europe
- HIST 557  Nationalism and Communism in East Central Europe from 1772 to the Present
- PHIL 580  Marxism
- SLAV 144/145  Survey of Russian Literature in Translation
- SLAV 316  The Peoples and Cultures of Southeastern Europe Through Film
- SLAV 340/341  Introduction to the Languages and Peoples of Russia and East-Central Europe
- SLAV 558  Readings in Slovene
- SLAV 626  The Cultural Impact of Ottoman Empire on the South Slavs
- SLAV 630  Slavic Folklore
- SLAV 635  Language, Culture and Ethnicity in Prehistoric Eastern Europe
- SLAV 679  Topics in: ______

Senior Capstone Seminar. Satisfied by: (3)

- SLAV 495  Senior Capstone Seminar 3

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**Major Hours & Major GPA**

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**Major Hours**
Satisfied by 30 hours of major courses.

**Major Hours in Residence**
Satisfied by a minimum of 15 hours of KU resident credit in the major.

**Major Junior/Senior (300+) Hours**
Satisfied by a minimum of 12 hours from junior/senior courses (300+) in the major.

**Major Junior/Senior (300+) Graduation GPA**
Satisfied by a minimum of a 2.0 KU GPA in junior/senior courses (300+) in the major. GPA calculations include all junior/senior courses in the field of study including F's and repeated courses. See the Semester/Cumulative GPA Calculator (http://clas.ku.edu/undergrad/tools/gpa)

**Sample 4-year plans for the BA degree in Slavic Languages and Literatures with concentrations in the following can be found here:** Polish (http://catalog.ku.edu/liberal-arts-sciences/slavic-languages-literature/ba/polish-studies), Russian (http://catalog.ku.edu/liberal-arts-sciences/...
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slavic-languages-literature/ba/russian), South Slavic Studies (http://catalog.ku.edu/liberal-arts-sciences/slavic-languages-literature/ba/south-slavic-studies) or by using the left-side navigation.

Departmental Honors

Undergraduates with grade-point averages of 3.25 overall and of 3.5 in Slavic courses are eligible for the honors program. Before enrolling, students must consult an undergraduate advisor to formulate an appropriate topic. Students complete SLAV 499 Honors Thesis (3 hours above the major requirements) during 1 semester of the senior year. The honors thesis is evaluated by a committee of 3 faculty members. The candidate makes an oral defense before this committee.

Study Abroad

The department, in conjunction with the Center for Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies (http://www.crees.ku.edu), conducts summer institutes at universities in

• L'viv, Ukraine; and
• Zadar, Croatia.

Arrangements can be made for students to study for one semester or a full academic year at these or other universities. Some scholarship support is available.

Consult the Slavic department (http://slavic.ku.edu) office or the Office of Study Abroad (http://www.studyabroad.ku.edu). Credit for non-KU programs is not automatic and is evaluated in consultation with the Slavic department undergraduate director.

Undergraduate and graduate students at KU are encouraged to spend a summer, semester, and/or year studying and conducting research in their country of interest.

Slavic Language Programs in Russia and Eastern Europe

KU students may take intermediate or advanced Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian at a 6-week summer institute in Croatia or attend a summer language program in Poland.

Graduate students at KU are encouraged to spend a summer, semester, and/or year studying and conducting research in their country of interest.