

Minor in Slavic Languages and Literatures

Why study Slavic languages and literatures?

The study of Russia, Eastern Europe, and Eurasia studying their languages and cultures gives you a different perspective on the world we live in and allows you to pursue in demand professional opportunities in business and national security.

The Department of Slavic, German, and Eurasian Studies offers comprehensive undergraduate programs in Russian, Polish, and Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian and their literatures, and cultures. For each language, we offer a core curriculum of 3+ years of language study emphasizing all four skills (speaking, listening, reading and writing), supplemented by courses in culture, literature and linguistics. We also offer intensive Russian in the summer. For study abroad, we offer summer and semester options at the Higher School of Economics in Moscow, Russia, as well as a summer study abroad programs in Lviv, Ukraine.

The minor can add a unique global aspect to another career choice and field of study. It prepares students for a variety of careers in teaching or in graduate studies, as well as in fields such as translation, international business, art, art history, and travel.

Requirements for the Minor

6 minor tracks are offered.

Polish Studies Track

Students choosing this minor track must complete courses as indicated in following areas:

Code	Title	Hours
Prerequisites		
The following courses provide fundamental skills for the minor, but do not contribute to the minimum required hours for the minor.		
Elementary Polish I. Satisfied by:		
PLSH 104	Elementary Polish I	
Elementary Polish II. Satisfied by:		
PLSH 108	Elementary Polish II	
Polish Studies Required Courses		
Intermediate Polish I. Satisfied by:		
PLSH 204	Intermediate Polish I	3
Intermediate Polish II. Satisfied by:		
PLSH 208	Intermediate Polish II	3
West Slavic Literature and Civilization (Polish and Czech). Satisfied by:		
SLAV 675	Readings in Slavic Studies (English)	3
Required Electives. Satisfied by 3 courses (9 hours) chosen from the following:		
PLSH 675	Readings in Polish Language and Literature	
SLAV 320	Graphic Novels as Memory	

SLAV 340/341	The Language Landscape of Eastern Europe
SLAV 516	Love, Lust and Liberty: Polish and Czech Film Adaptations
ECON 360	Economic Systems
HIST 377	Everyday Communism in Eastern Europe

Total Hours 18

Minor Hours & Minor GPA

While completing all required courses, minors must also meet each of the following hour and GPA minimum standards:

Minor Hours

Satisfied by 18 hours of minor courses.

Minor Hours in Residence

Satisfied by a minimum of 9 hours of KU resident credit in the minor.

Minor Junior/Senior (300+) Hours

Satisfied by a minimum of 12 hours from junior/senior courses (300+) in the minor.

Minor Junior/Senior (300+) Graduation GPA

Satisfied by a minimum of a 2.0 KU GPA in all departmental courses (300+) in the minor. GPA calculations include all junior/senior courses in the field of study including F's and repeated courses. See the Semester/Cumulative GPA Calculator (<https://sis.ku.edu/gpa-calculator/>).

Russian Track

Students choosing this minor track must complete courses as indicated in following areas:

Code	Title	Hours
Prerequisites		
The following courses provide fundamental skills for the minor, but do not contribute to the minimum required hours for the minor.		
Elementary Russian I. Satisfied by:		
RUSS 104	Elementary Russian I	
	or RUSS 11(Intensive Elementary Russian)	
Elementary Russian II. Satisfied by:		
RUSS 108	Elementary Russian II	
	or RUSS 11(Intensive Elementary Russian)	
Intermediate Russian I. Satisfied by		
RUSS 204	Intermediate Russian I	
Russian Required Courses		
Intermediate Russian II. Satisfied by:		
RUSS 208	Intermediate Russian II	5
Russian Linguistics. Satisfied by 1 course (3 hours, 200+) chosen from:		
SLAV 340 & SLAV 341	The Language Landscape of Eastern Europe and The Language Landscape of Eastern Europe, Honors	
SLAV 522	The Grammatical Categories of Russian: Linguistic Units, Functions and Meanings	
SLAV 540	The Language Landscape of Eastern Europe	
Russian Literature. Satisfied by 1 course (3 hours, 400+) chosen from:		
SLAV 532	Dostoevsky	

SLAV 534	Tolstoy	
SLAV 564	The Woman Question in Nineteenth-Century Russian Literature	
SLAV 572	Russian and East European Science Fiction	
SLAV 667	Post-Soviet Literature	
SLAV 668	Nabokov	
SLAV 762	Russian Theatre and Drama from Stanislavski and Chekhov to the Present	
Required Electives. Satisfied by 3 courses (9 hours) in Russian literature, linguistics, culture, or advanced language chosen in consultation with the major advisor.		9
Language		
RUSS 504	Advanced Russian I	
RUSS 508	Advanced Russian II	
RUSS 512	Russian for the Professions I	
RUSS 516	Russian for the Professions II	
RUSS 522	Problems in Translating Russian into English I	
RUSS 700	Classics of Russian Culture	
RUSS 704	Contemporary Russian Culture	
RUSS 708	Russian Phonetics and Grammar	
RUSS 712	Introduction to Russian Literature	
RUSS 716	Stylistics	
Linguistics		
SLAV 340 & SLAV 341	The Language Landscape of Eastern Europe and The Language Landscape of Eastern Europe, Honors	
SLAV 522	The Grammatical Categories of Russian: Linguistic Units, Functions and Meanings	
SLAV 540	The Language Landscape of Eastern Europe	
Culture		
SLAV 330	Russian Business Culture	
SLAV 322	Soviet and Post-Soviet Russian Cinema	
SLAV 503	Post-Soviet Communication	
SLAV 600	Biography of a City: _____	
Literature		
SLAV 532	Dostoevsky	
SLAV 534	Tolstoy	
SLAV 564	The Woman Question in Nineteenth-Century Russian Literature	
SLAV 572	Russian and East European Science Fiction	
SLAV 667	Post-Soviet Literature	
SLAV 668	Nabokov	
SLAV 762	Russian Theatre and Drama from Stanislavski and Chekhov to the Present	
Total Hours		20

Minor Hours & Minor GPA

While completing all required courses, minors must also meet each of the following hour and GPA minimum standards:

Minor Hours

Satisfied by 20 hours of minor courses.

Minor Hours in Residence

Satisfied by a minimum of 9 hours of KU resident credit in the minor.

Minor Junior/Senior (300+) Hours

Satisfied by a minimum of 12 hours from junior/senior courses (300+) in the minor.

Minor Junior/Senior (300+) Graduation GPA

Satisfied by a minimum of a 2.0 KU GPA in all departmental courses (300+) in the minor. GPA calculations include all junior/senior courses in the field of study including F's and repeated courses. See the Semester/Cumulative GPA Calculator (<https://sis.ku.edu/gpa-calculator/>).

Russian Business and Professional Culture Track

Students choosing this minor track must complete courses as indicated in following areas:

Code	Title	Hours
Prerequisites		
The following courses provide fundamental skills for the minor, but do not contribute to the minimum required hours for the minor.		
Elementary Russian I. Satisfied by:		
RUSS 104	Elementary Russian I	
Elementary Russian II. Satisfied by:		
RUSS 108	Elementary Russian II	
Intermediate Russian I. Satisfied by:		
RUSS 204	Intermediate Russian I	
Russian Business and Professional Culture Required Courses		
Intermediate Russian II. Satisfied by:		
RUSS 208	Intermediate Russian II	5
Advanced Russian, satisfied by one of the following:		
RUSS 504 & RUSS 508	Advanced Russian I and Advanced Russian II	6
RUSS 512 & RUSS 516	Russian for the Professions I and Russian for the Professions II	
Russian Business/Professional Culture, satisfied by the following two required courses:		
SLAV 330	Russian Business Culture	3
SLAV 503	Post-Soviet Communication	3
Required Research Project, satisfied by:		
RUSS 675	Readings in Russian	1
Total Hours		18

Minor Hours & Minor GPA

While completing all required courses, minors must also meet each of the following hour and GPA minimum standards:

Minor Hours

Satisfied by 18 hours of minor courses.

Minor Hours in Residence

Satisfied by a minimum of 9 hours of KU resident credit in the minor.

Minor Junior/Senior (300+) Hours

Satisfied by a minimum of 12 hours from junior/senior courses (300+) in the minor.

Minor Junior/Senior (300+) Graduation GPA

Satisfied by a minimum of a 2.0 KU GPA in all departmental courses (300+) in the minor. GPA calculations include all junior/senior courses in the field of study including F's and repeated courses. See the Semester/Cumulative GPA Calculator (<https://sis.ku.edu/gpa-calculator/>).

Slavic Cultures in Translation Track

Students choosing this minor track must complete courses as indicated in following areas:

Code	Title	Hours
Slavic Culture. Satisfied by two of the following:		6
SLAV 140/141	Understanding Russia	
SLAV 144/145	Survey of Russian Literature in Translation	
SLAV 148/149	Introduction to Slavic Folklore	
SLAV 340/341	The Language Landscape of Eastern Europe	
Junior/Senior Slavic Literature and Culture. Satisfied by 4 junior/senior (300+) SLAV courses (12 hours) from the following:		12
SLAV 508	South Slavic Literature and Civilization	
SLAV 516	Love, Lust and Liberty: Polish and Czech Film Adaptations	
SLAV 532	Dostoevsky	
SLAV 534	Tolstoy	
SLAV 564	The Woman Question in Nineteenth-Century Russian Literature	
SLAV 626	The Cultural Impact of Ottoman Empire on the South Slavs	
SLAV 667	Post-Soviet Literature	
SLAV 668	Nabokov	
SLAV 762	Russian Theatre and Drama from Stanislavski and Chekhov to the Present	
Total Hours		18

Minor Hours & Minor GPA

While completing all required courses, minors must also meet each of the following hour and GPA minimum standards:

Minor Hours

Satisfied by 18 hours of minor courses.

Minor Hours in Residence

Satisfied by a minimum of 9 hours of KU resident credit in the minor.

Minor Junior/Senior Hours

Satisfied by a minimum of 12 hours from junior/senior courses (300+) in the minor.

Minor Junior/Senior Graduation GPA

Satisfied by a minimum of a 2.0 KU GPA in all departmental courses (300+) in the minor. GPA calculations include all junior/senior courses in the field of study including F's and repeated courses. See the Semester/Cumulative GPA Calculator (<https://sis.ku.edu/gpa-calculator/>).

Slavic Jewish Studies Track

Students choosing this minor track must complete courses as indicated in following areas:

Code	Title	Hours
Slavic Courses With a Jewish Studies Component. Satisfied by 3 of the following:		9
SLAV 340 or SLAV 540	The Language Landscape of Eastern Europe	
SLAV 508	South Slavic Literature and Civilization	
SLAV 516	Love, Lust and Liberty: Polish and Czech Film Adaptations	
SLAV 626	The Cultural Impact of Ottoman Empire on the South Slavs	
Judaism/Jewish Religious Expression. Satisfied by one of the following:		3
JWSH 300	Topics in History and Culture of the Jewish People:	
JWSH 325 or REL 325	Introduction to Judaism	
JWSH 326	The Talmud: Its Origins, Nature, and Evolution	
Required Electives. Satisfied by 2 of the following:		6
Geography		
GEOG 590	Understanding Central Asia	
History		
HIST 115	French Revolution to the Present: Europe 1789-Present	
HIST 117	Russia and its Empires	
HIST 340	The History of the Second World War	
HIST 341	Hitler and Nazi Germany	
HIST 377	Everyday Communism in Eastern Europe	
HIST 378	Beyond the Iron Curtain: Soviet Perspectives on the Cold War	
HIST 564	Medieval Russia	
HIST 568	Rise and Fall of the Soviet Union	
Jewish Studies		
JWSH 325 or REL 325	Introduction to Judaism	
JWSH 343	The Holocaust in History	
JWSH 327	Jewish Secular Culture	
JWSH 335	History of Jewish Women	
Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies		
REES 220	Societies and Cultures of Eurasia	
Slavic		
SLAV 320	Graphic Novels as Memory	
SLAV 340 or SLAV 540	The Language Landscape of Eastern Europe	
SLAV 508	South Slavic Literature and Civilization	
SLAV 516	Love, Lust and Liberty: Polish and Czech Film Adaptations	
SLAV 626	The Cultural Impact of Ottoman Empire on the South Slavs	
Yiddish		

YDSH 300	Studies in Yiddish: _____
Total Hours	18

Minor Hours & Minor GPA

While completing all required courses, minors must also meet each of the following hour and GPA minimum standards:

Minor Hours

Satisfied by 18 hours of minor courses.

Minor Hours in Residence

Satisfied by a minimum of 9 hours of KU resident credit in the minor.

Minor Junior/Senior (300+) Hours

Satisfied by a minimum of 12 hours from junior/senior courses (300+) in the minor.

Minor Junior/Senior (300+) Graduation GPA

Satisfied by a minimum of a 2.0 KU GPA in all departmental courses (300+) in the minor. GPA calculations include all junior/senior courses in the field of study including F's and repeated courses. See the Semester/Cumulative GPA Calculator (<https://sis.ku.edu/gpa-calculator/>).

South Slavic Studies Track

Students choosing this minor track must complete courses as indicated in following areas:

Code	Title	Hours
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Prerequisites

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

Elementary Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian I. Satisfied by:

BCRS 104	Elementary Bosnian/Croatian/Montenegrin/Serbian I
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Elementary Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian II. Satisfied by:

BCRS 108	Elementary Bosnian/Croatian/Montenegrin/Serbian II
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Intermediate Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian I. Satisfied by:

South Slavic Studies Required Courses

BCRS 204	Intermediate Bosnian/Croatian/Montenegrin/Serbian I	3
BCRS 208	Intermediate Bosnian/Croatian/Montenegrin/Serbian II	3
SLAV 508	South Slavic Literature and Civilization	3

9 hours in South Slavic languages, history, cultures, or literatures at the 300 level or above, chosen from courses in the South Slavic studies emphasis

Required Electives. Satisfied by 3 courses (9 hours) chosen from the following:

BCRS 380	Intensive Croatian (summer in Croatia)
BCRS 675	Readings in Bosnian/Croatian/Montenegrin/Serbian
ECON 360	Economic Systems
HIST 377	Everyday Communism in Eastern Europe
SLAV 316	The Peoples and Cultures of Southeastern Europe Through Film

SLAV 340/341 The Language Landscape of Eastern Europe

SLAV 558 Readings in Slovene

SLAV 626 The Cultural Impact of Ottoman Empire on the South Slavs

SLAV 679 Topics in: _____ (Slavic Culture)

Total Hours	18
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Minor Hours & Minor GPA

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Minor Hours

Satisfied by 18 hours of minor courses.

Minor Hours in Residence

Satisfied by a minimum of 9 hours of KU resident credit in the minor.

Minor Junior/Senior (300+) Hours

Satisfied by a minimum of 12 hours from junior/senior courses (300+) in the minor.

Minor Junior/Senior (300+) Graduation GPA

Satisfied by a minimum of a 2.0 KU GPA in all departmental courses (300+) in the minor. GPA calculations include all junior/senior courses in the field of study including F's and repeated courses. See the Semester/Cumulative GPA Calculator (<https://sis.ku.edu/gpa-calculator/>).

Study Abroad

The department offers a semester study abroad program at the Higher School of Economics in Moscow, Russia, and in conjunction with the Center for Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies (<https://crees.ku.edu/>), conducts summer institutes at universities in

- L'viv, Ukraine (for Ukrainian) (<https://studyabroad.ku.edu/language-institute-lviv-ukraine/>)

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.