Minor in Slavic Languages and Literatures

Why study Slavic languages and literatures?

Because Russia and the Slavs link the West and the East; studying their languages and cultures broadens your horizons and helps you to better understand the world around you.

The Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures 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 Zadar, Croatia and Lviv, Ukraine, and a summer Russian-language internship program in Almaty, Kazakhstan. The major prepares students for a variety of careers in teaching or in graduate studies, as well as in fields such as interpreting, international business, art, art history, and travel. A Slavic degree allows a student focus on Russian and Slavic languages as a career path or to add a unique global aspect to another career choice. We welcome applicants from all backgrounds to consider a Slavic major or minor in combination with another field of study.

The M.A. degree in Slavic Languages and Literatures gives students a well-rounded knowledge of Russian language and literature, provides students interested in working professionally with Russian in government or other areas with solid language skills and well-rounded training in the field, and allows them to continue on to specialized doctoral study in Slavic studies. The Ph.D. degree can be tailored to the student’s interests and future research plans. Doctoral study allows students to pursue a knowledge of a second Slavic language and literature, a minor field, as well as in-depth preparation leading to the doctoral dissertation. Qualified candidates are supported through teaching assistantships and other opportunities.

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:

Prerequisites (10)

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. Satisfied by:
  - 5
  - Elementary Polish II. Satisfied by:

Polish Studies Required Courses (18)

- Intermediate Polish I. Satisfied by:
  - PLSH 204. Satisfied by:
  - 3
- Intermediate Polish II. Satisfied by:
  - PLSH 208. Satisfied by:
  - 3
- West Slavic Literature and Civilization (Polish and Czech). Satisfied by:
  - SLAV 506. Satisfied by:
  - 3
- Required Electives. Satisfied by 3 courses (9 hours) chosen from the following:
  - PLSH 675. Satisfied by:
  - 9
  - SLAV 340/341. Satisfied by:
  - 5
  - SLAV 504. Satisfied by:
  - 4
  - SLAV 514. Satisfied by:
  - 4
  - SLAV 516. Satisfied by:
  - 4
  - SLAV 635. Satisfied by:
  - 4
  - ECON 560. Satisfied by:
  - 4
  - HIST 377. Satisfied by:
  - 4
  - or HIST 557. Satisfied by:
  - 4
  - PHIL 580. Satisfied by:
  - 4

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 (http://clas.ku.edu/undergrad/tools/gpa).

Russian Track

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

Prerequisites (15)

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. Satisfied by:
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  - or RUSS 110. Satisfied by:
- Intermediate Elementary Russian
  - Elementary Russian II. Satisfied by:
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**Russian Required Courses (20)**

Intermediate Russian II. Satisfied by:

- RUSS 208 Intermediate Russian II

**Russian Linguistics. Satisfied by 1 course (3 hours, 200+) chosen from:**

- 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 526 The Pragmatics of Slavic Languages
- SLAV 540 Language and Identity in East-Central Europe and the Former Soviet Union

**Russian Literature. Satisfied by 1 course (3 hours, 400+) chosen from:**

- 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 572 Russian and East European Science Fiction
- 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

**Required Electives. Satisfied by 3 courses (9 hours) in Russian literature, linguistics, culture, or advanced language chosen in consultation with the major advisor.**

**Language**

- RUSS 504 Advanced Russian I
- RUSS 508 Advanced Russian II

**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 526 The Pragmatics of Slavic Languages
- SLAV 540 Language and Identity in East-Central Europe and the Former Soviet Union

**Culture**

- SLAV 318 Jews and Slavs in Eastern Europe
- SLAV 330 Russian Business Culture
- SLAV 332 Soviet and Post-Soviet Russian Cinema
- SLAV 500 Russia Today
- SLAV 502 Introduction to Russian Culture and Society: _____
- SLAV 503 Post-Soviet Communication
- SLAV 600 Biography of a City: _____
- SLAV 622 Soviet and Post-Soviet Russian Cinema
- 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
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- SLAV 642 Pushkin and Evgenij Onegin
- SLAV 650 The Russian Short Story
- SLAV 656 Russian Literature of the Eighteenth Century
SLAV 660 The Russian Novel in the Age of Realism
SLAV 662 Russian Literary Modernism: 1880-1930
SLAV 664 Soviet Russian Literature: 1930-1990
SLAV 667 Post-Soviet Literature
SLAV 668 Nabokov

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 (http://clas.ku.edu/undergrad/tools/gpa).

Russian Business and Professional Culture Track
Students choosing this minor track must complete courses as indicated in following areas:

Prerequisites (15)
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 5
Elementary Russian II. Satisfied by:
RUSS 108 Elementary Russian II 5
Intermediate Russian I. Satisfied by:
RUSS 204 Intermediate Russian I 5

Russian Business and Professional Culture Required Courses (18)
Intermediate Russian II. Satisfied by:
RUSS 208 Intermediate Russian II 5
Advanced Russian, satisfied by one of the following: 6
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 Business/Professional Culture, satisfied by one of the following:
SLAV 330 Russian Business Culture 3
SLAV 503 Post-Soviet Communication 3
Required Research Project, satisfied by:
RUSS 675 Readings in Russian 1

Slavic Cultures in Translation Track
Students choosing this minor track must complete courses as indicated in following areas:

West Slavic Literature and Civilization or South Slavic Literature and Civilization. Satisfied by:
SLAV 506 Masterworks of Polish and Czech Literature or SLAV 508 South Slavic Literature and Civilization
Slavic Culture. Satisfied by two of the following: 6
SLAV 140/141 Introduction to Russian Culture
SLAV 144/145 Survey of Russian Literature in Translation
SLAV 148/149 Introduction to Slavic Folklore
SLAV 340/341 Introduction to the Languages and Peoples of Russia and East-Central Europe
Junior/Senior Slavic Literature and Culture. Satisfied by 3 junior/senior (300+) SLAV courses (9 hours) from the following: 9
SLAV 318 Jews and Slavs in Eastern Europe
SLAV 510 The Russian Literary Genius
SLAV 514 Totalitarianism and Literature in Central Europe
SLAV 516 Love, Lust and Liberty: Polish and Czech Film Adapations
SLAV 532 Dostoevsky
SLAV 534 Tolstoy
SLAV 536 Turgeniev
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
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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 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 field of study including F's and repeated courses. See the Semester/Cumulative GPA Calculator (http://clas.ku.edu/undergrad/tools/gpa).

**Slavic Jewish Studies Track**

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

**Slavic Courses With a Jewish Studies Component. Satisfied by 3 of the following:**

- SLAV 318 Jews and Slavs in Eastern Europe
- SLAV 340 Introduction to the Languages and Peoples of Russia and East-Central Europe
- SLAV 506 Masterworks of Polish and Czech Literature
- SLAV 508 South Slavic Literature and Civilization
- SLAV 516 Love, Lust and Liberty: Polish and Czech Film Adapations
- SLAV 626 The Cultural Impact of Ottoman Empire on the South Slavs

**Judaism/Jewish Religious Expression. Satisfied by one of the following:**

- JWSH 300 Topics in Jewish Studies:______
- JWSH 321 Religion of Ancient Israel
- JWSH 325 Introduction to Judaism
- or REL 325 Introduction to Judaism
- JWSH 523 The Dead Sea Scrolls
- JWSH 525 Jews and Christians
- JWSH 560 Modern Jewish Thought
- JWSH 570 Studies in Judaism
- JWSH 572 Jewish Folklore

**Required Electives. Satisfied by 2 of the following:**

- Geography
- GEOG 590 Understanding Central Asia
- GEOG 594 Geography of the Former Soviet Union
- GEOG 595 Geography of Eastern Europe
- GEOG 794 Regions of the Former USSR

- History
- HIST 115 French Revolution to the Present: Europe 1789-Present
- HIST 117 Russia, An Introduction
- 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 557 Nationalism and Communism in East Central Europe from 1772 to the Present
- HIST 564 Medieval Russia
- HIST 565 Imperial Russia
- HIST 568 Rise and Fall of the Soviet Union
- HIST 845 Eastern Europe, 19th and 20th Centuries
- HIST 848 Colloquium in 20th Century Russia

- Jewish Studies
- JWSH 325 Introduction to Judaism
- or REL 325 Introduction to Judaism
- JWSH 344 Modern Jewish History
- JWSH 327 Jewish Secular Culture
- JWSH 335 History of Jewish Women
- JWSH 525 Jews and Christians
- JWSH 572 Jewish Folklore

- Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies
- REES 220 Societies and Cultures of Eurasia

- Slavic
- SLAV 318 Jews and Slavs in Eastern Europe
- SLAV 340 Introduction to the Languages and Peoples of Russia and East-Central Europe
- or SLAV 540 Language and Identity in East-Central Europe and the Former Soviet Union

- Slavic
- SLAV 506 Masterworks of Polish and Czech Literature
- SLAV 508 South Slavic Literature and Civilization
- SLAV 516 Love, Lust and Liberty: Polish and Czech Film Adapations
- SLAV 626 The Cultural Impact of Ottoman Empire on the South Slavs

- Yiddish
- YDSH 300 Studies in Yiddish:______
- YDSH 395 Study Abroad Topics in Yiddish:______
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 (http://clas.ku.edu/undergrad/tools/gpa).

South Slavic Studies Track

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

Prerequisites (10)
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/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
  BCRS 208  Intermediate Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian II  3
South Slavic Studies Required Courses (18)
  BCRS 204  Intermediate Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian I  3
  BCRS 208  Intermediate Bosnian/Croatian/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/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 (or other relevant course in philosophy)
  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: _____ (Slavic Culture)

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 (http://clas.ku.edu/undergrad/tools/gpa).

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.
- Almaty, Kazakhstan (internship program)

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.