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; studying their languages and cultures gives you a different perspective on the world we live in and allows you to pursue professional opportunities that are both in demand and off the beaten path.

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 receive extensive training and guidance in language instruction. We pride ourselves on our advising and preparation of students for careers in academia and the professional world.

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 (13)

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 108 Intermediate Polish I

- **Intermediate Polish I.** Satisfied by:
  - PLSH 208 Intermediate Polish I

Polish Studies Emphasis Core Knowledge and Skills (12)

- **Intermediate Polish II.** Satisfied by:
  - PLSH 208 Intermediate Polish II

- **Advanced Polish I.** Satisfied by:
  - PLSH 504 Advanced Polish I

- **Advanced Polish II.** Satisfied by:
  - PLSH 508 Advanced Polish II

- **Readings in Polish Language and Literature.** Satisfied by:

- **West Slavic Literature and Civilization (Polish and Czech).** Satisfied by:
  - SLAV 506 Masterworks of Polish and Czech Literature

Required Electives (12)

- Satisfied by 4 courses (12 hours) chosen from the following:
  - **PLSH 675** Readings in Polish Language and Literature
  - **SLAV 144/145** Survey of Russian Literature in Translation
  - **SLAV 318** Jews and Slavs in Eastern Europe
  - **SLAV 320** Graphic Novels as Memory: Representations of the Holocaust and Communism
  - **SLAV 340/341** Introduction to the Languages and Peoples of Russia and East-Central Europe
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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 5
or RUSS 110 Intensive Elementary Russian

Elementary Russian II. Satisfied by:
RUSS 108 Elementary Russian II 5
or RUSS 110 Intensive Elementary Russian

Intermediate Russian I. Satisfied by:
RUSS 204 Intermediate Russian I 5

Intermediate Russian II. Satisfied by:
RUSS 208 Intermediate Russian II 5

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

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
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

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 course (3 hours, 200+) chosen from:
SLAV 540 Language and Identity in East-Central Europe and the Former Soviet Union
SLAV 557 Nationalism and Communism in East Central Europe from 1772 to the Present
SLAV 560 Introduction to the Languages and Peoples of Russia and East-Central Europe
SLAV 561 Introduction to the Languages and Peoples of Russia and East-Central Europe, Honors
SLAV 565 Russian Phonetics, Phonology, and Inflectional Morphology
SLAV 567 The Grammatical Categories of Russian: Linguistic Units, Functions and Meanings
SLAV 569 Russian Since the Revolution
SLAV 576 The Pragmatics of Slavic Languages
SLAV 580 The “Woman Question” in Nineteenth-Century Russian Literature
SLAV 602 Russian Theatre and Drama from Stanislavski and Chekhov to the Present
SLAV 604 Russian Literature in Translation: _____
SLAV 606 Introduction to Russian Literature of the Nineteenth Century
SLAV 612 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 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

RUSS 512 Russian for the Professions I
RUSS 516 Russian for the Professions II
RUSS 522 Problems in Translating Russian into English I

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 course (3 hours, 200+) chosen from:
SLAV 540 Language and Identity in East-Central Europe and the Former Soviet Union
SLAV 557 Nationalism and Communism in East Central Europe from 1772 to the Present
SLAV 560 Introduction to the Languages and Peoples of Russia and East-Central Europe
SLAV 561 Introduction to the Languages and Peoples of Russia and East-Central Europe, Honors
SLAV 565 Russian Phonetics, Phonology, and Inflectional Morphology
SLAV 567 The Grammatical Categories of Russian: Linguistic Units, Functions and Meanings
SLAV 569 Russian Since the Revolution
SLAV 576 The Pragmatics of Slavic Languages
SLAV 580 The “Woman Question” in Nineteenth-Century Russian Literature
SLAV 602 Russian Theatre and Drama from Stanislavski and Chekhov to the Present
SLAV 604 Russian Literature in Translation: _____
SLAV 606 Introduction to Russian Literature of the Nineteenth Century
SLAV 612 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 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

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

Russian Emphasis Core Knowledge and Skills (26)
Intermediate Russian II. Satisfied by:
RUSS 208 Intermediate Russian II 5

Advanced Russian Language. Satisfied by one of the following: 6

RUSS 204 Intermediate Russian I 5

RUSS 104 Elementary Russian I 5
or RUSS 110 Intensive Elementary Russian

RUSS 108 Elementary Russian II 5
or RUSS 110 Intensive Elementary Russian

RUSS 204 Intermediate Russian I 5

RUSS 208 Intermediate Russian II 5

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**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

**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 330** Russian Business Culture
**SLAV 322** 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
**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
**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

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**SLAV 668** Nabokov

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

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 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 II. Satisfied by: BCRS 108

- **South Slavic Studies Emphasis Core Knowledge and Skills (27)**
  Intermediate Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian II. Satisfied by: BCRS 204
  Slavic Studies Emphasis Core Knowledge and Skills

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

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).

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-literture/ba/polish-studies), Russian (http://catalog.ku.edu/liberal-arts-sciences/slavic-languages-literture/ba/russian), South Slavic Studies (http://catalog.ku.edu/liberal-arts-sciences/slavic-languages-literture/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 offers summer and semester options at the Higher School of Economics in Moscow, Russia, and in conjunction with the Center for Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies (http://www.creess.ku.edu), conducts summer institutes at universities in

- L'viv, Ukraine; and
- Zadar, Croatia.
- Almaty, Kazakhstan (internship program)

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.