

# 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. Slavs are the largest demographic group in Europe, and knowledge of a Slavic language is an excellent way to for students to equip themselves to engage with the global community.

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. A capstone experience gives majors the chance to put their language expertise to use in individually tailored research projects. The major prepares students for a variety of careers in teaching or in graduate studies, as well as in fields such as translation/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 International Support 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:

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Prerequisite Knowledge and Skills</b>		
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	5
Elementary Polish II. Satisfied by:		
PLSH 108	Elementary Polish II	5
Intermediate Polish I. Satisfied by:		
PLSH 204	Intermediate Polish I	3
<b>Polish Studies Emphasis Core Knowledge and Skills</b>		
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:		
West Slavic Literature and Civilization (Polish and Czech). Satisfied by:		
SLAV 506	Masterworks of Polish and Czech Literature	3
<b>Required Electives</b>		
Satisfied by 4 courses (12 hours) chosen from the following:		12
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	
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)	
<b>Senior Capstone Seminar. Satisfied by:</b>		
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:

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Prerequisite Knowledge and Skills</b>		
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
<b>Russian Emphasis Core Knowledge and Skills</b>		
Intermediate Russian II. Satisfied by:		
RUSS 208	Intermediate Russian II	5
Advanced Russian Language. 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 Linguistics. Satisfied by one one 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	
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		9
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 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	
SLAV 668	Nabokov	

#### Senior Capstone Seminar. Satisfied by:

SLAV 495	Senior Capstone Seminar	3
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## 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:

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Prerequisite Knowledge and Skills</b>		
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
<b>Slavic Studies Emphasis Core Knowledge and Skills</b>		
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:**

SLAV 495	Senior Capstone Seminar	3
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**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-literature/ba/polish-studies>), Russian (<http://catalog.ku.edu/liberal-arts-sciences/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 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.crees.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.