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:

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<tr>
<td>SLAV 506</td>
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Required Electives

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

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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)

Senior Capstone Seminar. Satisfied by:
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**

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Elementary Russian I. Satisfied by:
RUSS 104  Elementary Russian I 5
RUSS 110  Intensive Elementary Russian

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

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

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

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 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**
- 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 Infectional 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
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- SLAV 562 Russian Theatre and Drama from Stanislavski and Chekhov to the Present
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- SLAV 668 Nabokov

**Senior Capstone Seminar. Satisfied by:**
- 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**

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

**Slavic Studies Emphasis Core Knowledge and Skills**
Intermediate Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian I. Satisfied by:

*E.g.:* BCRS 208 Intermediate Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian II 3

**Advanced Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian I. Satisfied by:**

*E.g.:* BCRS 504 Advanced Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian I 3

**Advanced Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian II. Satisfied by:**

*E.g.:* 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.