

# 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 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 studying a Slavic language is an excellent way for students to equip themselves with the means 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. The minor 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. 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.

## 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
<b>Prerequisites</b>		

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	5
Elementary Polish II. Satisfied by:		
PLSH 108	Elementary Polish II	5
<b>Polish Studies Required Courses</b>		
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 506	Masterworks of Polish and Czech Literature	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: 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	
	or HIST 557 Nationalism and Communism in East Central Europe from 1772 to the Present	
PHIL 580	Marxism (or other relevant course in philosophy)	

## 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:

Code	Title	Hours	SLAV 667	Post-Soviet Literature	
<b>Prerequisites</b>			SLAV 668	Nabokov	
The following courses provide fundamental skills for the minor, but do not contribute to the minimum required hours for the minor.			Required Electives. Satisfied by 3 courses (9 hours) in Russian literature, linguistics, culture, or advanced language chosen in consultation with the major advisor. 9		
Elementary Russian I. Satisfied by:			Language		
RUSS 104	Elementary Russian I	5	RUSS 504	Advanced Russian I	
or RUSS 110	Intensive Elementary Russian		RUSS 508	Advanced Russian II	
Elementary Russian II. Satisfied by:			RUSS 512	Russian for the Professions I	
RUSS 108	Elementary Russian II	5	RUSS 516	Russian for the Professions II	
or RUSS 110	Intensive Elementary Russian		RUSS 522	Problems in Translating Russian into English I	
Intermediate Russian I. Satisfied by			RUSS 526	Problems in Translating Russian into English II	
RUSS 204	Intermediate Russian I	5	RUSS 600	Classics of Russian Culture	
<b>Russian Required Courses</b>			RUSS 604	Contemporary Russian Culture	
Intermediate Russian II. Satisfied by:			RUSS 608	Russian Phonetics and Grammar	
RUSS 208	Intermediate Russian II	5	RUSS 612	Introduction to Russian Literature	
Russian Linguistics. Satisfied by 1 course (3 hours, 200+) chosen from:			RUSS 616	Stylistics	
SLAV 340	Introduction to the Languages and Peoples of Russia and East-Central Europe		Linguistics		
& SLAV 341	and Introduction to the Languages and Peoples of Russia and East-Central Europe, Honors		SLAV 340	Introduction to the Languages and Peoples of Russia and East-Central Europe	
SLAV 520	Russian Phonetics, Phonology, and Inflectional Morphology		& SLAV 341	and Introduction to the Languages and Peoples of Russia and East-Central Europe, Honors	
SLAV 522	The Grammatical Categories of Russian: Linguistic Units, Functions and Meanings		SLAV 520	Russian Phonetics, Phonology, and Inflectional Morphology	
SLAV 524	Russian Since the Revolution		SLAV 522	The Grammatical Categories of Russian: Linguistic Units, Functions and Meanings	
SLAV 526	The Pragmatics of Slavic Languages		SLAV 524	Russian Since the Revolution	
SLAV 540	Language and Identity in East-Central Europe and the Former Soviet Union		SLAV 526	The Pragmatics of Slavic Languages	
SLAV 540	Language and Identity in East-Central Europe and the Former Soviet Union		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:			Culture		
SLAV 510	The Russian Literary Genius	3	SLAV 318	Jews and Slavs in Eastern Europe	
SLAV 530	Introduction to Russian Poetry		SLAV 330	Russian Business Culture	
SLAV 532	Dostoevsky		SLAV 322	Soviet and Post-Soviet Russian Cinema	
SLAV 534	Tolstoy		SLAV 500	Russia Today	
SLAV 536	Turgenev		SLAV 502	Introduction to Russian Culture and Society: _____	
SLAV 562	Russian Theatre and Drama from Stanislavski and Chekhov to the Present		SLAV 503	Post-Soviet Communication	
SLAV 564	The "Woman Question" in Nineteenth-Century Russian Literature		SLAV 600	Biography of a City: _____	
SLAV 566	The Devil in Russian Literature		SLAV 622	Soviet and Post-Soviet Russian Cinema	
SLAV 568	Biblical Themes in Modern Russian Literature		SLAV 684	Main Currents of Russian Thought I	
SLAV 572	Russian and East European Science Fiction		SLAV 686	Main Currents of Russian Thought II	
SLAV 612	Introduction to Russian Literature of the Nineteenth Century		Literature		
SLAV 614	Russian Literature in Translation: _____		SLAV 510	The Russian Literary Genius	
SLAV 616	Introduction to Russian Literature of the Twentieth Century		SLAV 530	Introduction to Russian Poetry	
SLAV 642	Pushkin and Evgenij Onegin		SLAV 532	Dostoevsky	
SLAV 650	The Russian Short Story		SLAV 534	Tolstoy	
SLAV 656	Russian Literature of the Eighteenth Century		SLAV 536	Turgenev	
SLAV 660	The Russian Novel in the Age of Realism		SLAV 562	Russian Theatre and Drama from Stanislavski and Chekhov to the Present	
SLAV 662	Russian Literary Modernism: 1880-1930		SLAV 564	The "Woman Question" in Nineteenth-Century Russian Literature	
SLAV 664	Soviet Russian Literature: 1930-1990		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

## 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:

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Prerequisites</b>		
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
<b>Russian Business and Professional Culture Required Courses</b>		
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 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

## 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>).

## Slavic Cultures in Translation Track

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

Code	Title	Hours
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	3
Slavic Culture. Satisfied by two of the following:		
SLAV 140/141	Introduction to Russian Culture	6
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:		
SLAV 318	Jews and Slavs in Eastern Europe	9
SLAV 510	The Russian Literary Genius	
SLAV 514	Totalitarianism and Literature in Central Europe	
SLAV 516	Love, Lust and Liberty: Polish and Czech Film Adaptations	
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 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 626	The Cultural Impact of Ottoman Empire on the South Slavs
SLAV 635	Language, Culture and Ethnicity in Prehistoric Eastern Europe
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 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 (<http://clas.ku.edu/undergrad/tools/gpa>).

## 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 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	
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 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 Jewish Studies: _____	
JWSH 321	Religion of Ancient Israel	
JWSH 325	Introduction to Judaism	
or REL 325	Introduction to Judaism	
JWSH 326	The Talmud: Its Origins, Nature, and Evolution	
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:		6
Geography		
GEOG 590	Understanding Central Asia	
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 343	The Holocaust in History	
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 320	Graphic Novels as Memory: Representations of the Holocaust and Communism	
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	
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 Adaptations
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:

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Prerequisites</b>		
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:		
<b>South Slavic Studies Required Courses</b>		
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:		9
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 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.