BA in Eastern European Languages, Literature and Culture

Students working toward the BA in Eastern European Languages, Literature and Culture benefit from one of the most comprehensive Slavic Languages & Literatures programs in the nation. In our program, students develop exceptional insight into the ways people in Central and Eastern Europe experience the world. Opportunities for close relationships with acclaimed faculty and hands-on learning are at the core of this transformative experience.

For this major, students undertake two years of language studies in Bosnian, Croatian, Montenegrin, Serbian; Polish; Slovene; or Ukrainian. They build on this linguistic foundation by exploring the culture of Eastern European communities through literature, cinema, cultural surveys and more. Study abroad programs and our department's close ties to local Slavic communities create opportunities to take what students learn in the classroom into the world.

Beyond our programs, students benefit from the department's close ties to the Jackson School of International Studies. Alumni of our department use their enhanced understanding of the world to find success in careers around the globe.

Admissions, Advising & Student Resources

Students in good academic standing may declare the major at any time by meeting with the undergraduate adviser. Learn more about applying to the university as an incoming first-year student, transfer student, or postbaccalaureate student.

See our Undergraduate Programs section for information about advising, career paths, scholarships and other student resources.

Major Requirements

Note: The University of Washington requires a minimum of 50 credits for a major from all students. Students who test out of Slavic Department language requirements MUST still complete 50 credits appropriate to their major, selecting alternate courses with the assistance of the undergraduate advisor.

1. Completion of the second-year or higher of ONE of the following East European languages:
   - Bosnian/Croatian/Montenegrin/Serbian (BCMS) 406
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   - Bulgarian (BULGR) 406
   - Czech (CZECH) 406
   - Polish (POLSH) 406
   - Romanian (ROMN) 406
   - Slovene (SLVN) 406
   - Ukrainian (UKR) 406

2. SLAVIC 101, SLAVIC 320, SLAVIC 370, and SLAVIC 425 (20 credits)

3. 20 credits minimum from the following course list (no more than 5 credits may be taken at the 100 level):
BCMS 420: Literature, Film & Culture of the Former Yugoslavia and Yugoslav Successor States
CZECH 420: Topics in Czech Literature
POLSH 320: Introduction to Contemporary Polish Culture
POLSH 420: Topics in Polish Literature
SLAVIC 110: The Slavic Languages
SLAVIC 210: Introduction to Bilingualism
SLAVIC 223: East European Cinema
SLAVIC 323: Masterpieces of East European Cinema
SLAVIC 401: Research Methods and Writing
SLAVIC 423: East European Film
SLAVIC 426: Ways of Feeling: Expressions of Emotion across Languages & Cultures
SLAVIC 470: Special Topics in Slavic Linguistics
SLAVIC 481: Study Abroad (see adviser)
SLAVIC 482: Study Abroad (see adviser)
SLAVIC 483: Study Abroad (see adviser)
SLAVIC 486: Study Abroad (see adviser)
SLAVIC 490: Studies in Slavic Literatures
SLAVIC 498: Senior Honors Thesis
UKR 420: Literature, Film, and Culture of Ukraine

4. A minimum of 50% of credits applied to the major must be taken at the 300 or 400 level.
5. A minimum grade of 2.0 in each course and a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.50 for all UW and transfer courses presented for this major.
6. A minimum of 15 graded credits presented for this major must be completed through the UW.

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