Graduate Admissions

The application deadline for admission in Autumn Quarter 2021 is December 15, 2020.

Information for Applicants

M.A. Program Applicants: Students seeking admission to the M.A. program should hold a Bachelor's Degree in Russian or Slavic Studies that includes four years of Slavic language study. Students with equivalent experience and basic coursework in Slavic literatures, cultures, and history will be considered, though may be required to take additional courses to make up deficiencies.

Ph.D. Program Applicants: Applicants to the doctoral program in Slavic Languages and Literatures must possess an M.A. or equivalent degree. They are admitted by vote of the graduate faculty on the basis of their language skills (Slavic and English), general background in Slavic cultures, previous academic performance, research interests, and alignment of these interests with available departmental and university resources.

How To Apply

Applications and required materials are submitted directly to the UW Graduate School. In addition to creating an applicant profile, you will be required to include the following materials as part of your online application:

- **GRE Scores**: The UW Institution Code is 4854. It is not necessary to put in a department code. To meet the December deadline, you will need to take the GRE no later than November.

- **Statement of Purpose**: A 1-3 page essay, in English, describing your educational and/or employment background, your reasons for wanting to study in the Slavic Department, your proposed focus of study, and your career goals.

- **Scholarly Writing Sample (in English)**: A minimum of 10 pages of an academic essay you have previously written.

- **Three Letters of Recommendation**: Academic references that evaluate work done in your major subjects are preferable. In addition, one reference specifically addressing language proficiency may be helpful. References from employers may be substituted, though more than one may put you at a disadvantage.

- **Proof of English Proficiency**: Non-native speakers of English are required to demonstrate English proficiency in one of the ways outlined in UW Graduate School Memo 8.

If you are not a native speaker of the Slavic language that will be your primary language of focus, you are also required to take a written test in that language to prove proficiency. Email the Graduate Program Adviser to arrange to take the test before the application deadline. At the discretion of the Graduate Admissions Committee, an oral interview may also be required.

**PLEASE NOTE**: Current departmental M.A. students interested in continuing with the Ph.D program should submit a petition to the Graduate Program Adviser no later than the end of the quarter after which they graduate. The petition should include a statement of purpose.
outlining your projected course of study, a timeline, and the work you have already done towards the degree. Successful completion of the department’s M.A. program does not automatically guarantee you admission to the Ph.D. program.

**Funding**

If you are interested in applying for a fellowship or assistantship position (R.A. or T.A.) during your first year as a graduate student, you must email a completed Funding Application for Prospective Graduate Students, including the supplemental materials listed on the form, to the Graduate Program Adviser by the December 15th deadline. Due to the limited funding available, we recommend that you also look into and apply for outside funding, which may need to be done before you are officially accepted into the program. Additional funding resources can be found on our Financial Support page.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Applicants who are not native speakers of English must be able to demonstrate English proficiency as outlined in points 1 and 2 of UW Graduate School Memo 15 in order to hold a T.A. position at the University of Washington.

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