Minors in Slavic Languages & Literatures

Our department offers three minor programs: Russian Language, Slavic Languages, and Russian and Slavic Literatures.

The minor programs serve as an excellent complement for those studying in fields ranging from business to political science, psychology to international studies.

Students who minor in these programs study with our nationally acclaimed faculty to develop insight into a complex region recognized for its international influence. They also benefit from our department's close ties to the Jackson School of International Studies and local and global Slavic communities. By minoring, they enrich their education with an enhanced understanding of how people in Russia, Central and Eastern Europe, and the former Soviet Union experience the world.

Declaring a Minor

Students in good academic standing may declare one of the minors at any time by meeting with their major advisor. Please see Undergraduate Advising's Minor page for additional considerations about earning a minor.

Minor Requirements by Program

Note: The University of Washington requires a minimum of 25 credits for a minor from all students. Students who test out of Slavic Department language requirements MUST still complete 25 credits appropriate to their minor, selecting alternate courses with the assistance of the Slavic adviser.

Minor in Russian Language

1. Completion of the second year or higher of Russian (students may satisfy the language requirement with a high level placement test, though a successful placement test does not count toward the 25 credit requirement):
   - RUSS 203: Second-Year Russian
   - RUSS 301: Third-Year Russian
   - RUSS 302: Third-Year Russian
   - RUSS 303: Third-Year Russian
   - RUSS 350: Intensive Third-Year Russian
   - RUSS 401: Fourth-Year Russian
   - RUSS 402: Fourth-Year Russian
   - RUSS 403: Fourth-Year Russian
   - RUSS 450: Intensive Fourth-Year Russian

2. Courses selected from the preceding language courses or from the following list of electives, to reach 25 credits (no more than 5 credits may be taken at the 100 level):
   - RUSS 313: Business Russian
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- RUSS 316: Extended Russian Through Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math
- RUSS 451: Structure of Russian
- RUSS 481: Russian Language in Russia
- SLAVIC 110: The Slavic Languages
- SLAVIC 210: Introduction to Bilingualism
- SLAVIC 351: Introduction to the History of the Slavic Languages
- SLAVIC 425: Ways of Meaning: Universal and Culture Specific Aspects of Language
- SLAVIC 426: Ways of Feeling: Expressions of Emotions Across Languages and Cultures
- SLAVIC 470: Special Topics in Slavic Linguistics

3. A minimum of 15 credits must be taken at the 300 or 400 level.

4. A minimum grade of 2.0 in each course presented for the minor.

5. A minimum of 15 graded credits presented for the minor must be completed through the UW.

Minor in Slavic Languages

1. Completion of the second year or higher of ONE of the following East European languages:
   - Bosnian/Croatian/Montenegrin/Serbian (BCMS) 406
   - Bosnian/Croatian/Montenegrin/Serbian (BCMS) 410
   - Bulgarian (BULGR) 406
   - Czech (CZECH) 406
   - Polish (POLSH) 406
   - Slovene (SLVN) 406
   - Ukrainian (UKR) 406

2. Courses selected from the preceding language courses or from the following list of electives, to reach 25 credits (no more than 5 credits may be taken at the 100 level):
   - SLAVIC 101: Slavic Lands and Peoples
   - SLAVIC 110: The Slavic Languages
   - SLAVIC 130: Introduction to Slavic Culture and Civilization
   - SLAVIC 210: Introduction to Bilingualism
   - SLAVIC 351: Introduction to the History of Slavic Languages
   - SLAVIC 370: What is in a Language Name? The Case of Bosnian, Croatian, Montenegrin, and Serbian
   - SLAVIC 425: Ways of Meaning: Universal & Culture Specific Aspects of Language
   - SLAVIC 426: Ways of Feeling: Expressions of Emotion across Languages & Cultures
   - SLAVIC 470: Special Topics in Slavic Linguistics

3. A minimum of 15 credits must be taken at the 300 or 400 level.

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Minor in Russian and Slavic Literatures

1. RUSS 322, 323 (May be taken in any order)

2. Fifteen credits minimum from the following course list:
   - BCMS 420: Literature of the Former Yugoslavia and the Yugoslav Successor States
   - CZECH 420: Topics in Czech Literature
   - POLISH 320: Introduction to Contemporary Polish Culture
POLSH 420: Topics in Polish Literature  
RUSS 210: From Paganism to Christianity: Medieval Russian Mythology, Literature, and Culture  
RUSS 221: Contemporary Russian Literature  
RUSS 223: Russian Cinema  
RUSS 230: Masterpieces of Russian Literature  
RUSS 240: Vladimir Nabokov  
RUSS 324: Russian Folk Literature in English  
RUSS 420: Topics in Russian Literary and Cultural History  
RUSS 421: Post-Soviet Literary and Cultural Scene  
RUSS 422: Russian Literature in Emigration and Exile  
RUSS 423: Russian Film  
RUSS 424: Topics in Ethnicity and Cultural Identity  
RUSS 425: Russian Drama  
RUSS 426: Russian Art and Architecture  
RUSS 427: Russian Jewish Experience  
RUSS 430: Major Authors  
RUSS 490: Studies in Russian Literature (credits vary)  
SLAVIC 223: East European Cinema  
SLAVIC 320: The Other Europe: Post-World War II East European Fiction  
SLAVIC 323: Masterpieces of East European Cinema  
SLAVIC 423: East European Film  
SLAVIC 490: Studies in Slavic Literatures (credits vary)  
UKR 420: Literature, Film, and Culture of Ukraine  
No more than 5 credits from the following may also apply: RUSS 110, RUSS 120

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