Undergraduate Policies

Continuation Policy

The Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures wants every student to succeed in our program, but we are also responsible for upholding academic standards. The continuation policy specifies the rules students must follow to make satisfactory progress in the major. In addition, we encourage our students to be proactive about seeking advice from the undergraduate advisor or faculty members for problems affecting performance or participation here at the university.

All students are subject to general University policies regarding grades and credits. The University requires students to maintain a 2.0 cumulative GPA. No course required for the degree may be taken S/NS. The Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures specifies the following additional requirements.

Satisfactory Progress

1. The BA in Slavic L&L is meant to be completed on a full-time basis. Full-time students are expected to complete 12 or more credits applicable to the degree each academic quarter.

2. In exceptional circumstances students may petition the Department for permission to take fewer than 12 credits. A request for part-time status should be made to the student advisor prior to the first day of the quarter. Students who receive permission to attend part time must complete at least one course applicable toward their degree each quarter.

3. A student who withdraws from the University [or from a required Slavic L&L course] or whose quarter schedule is cancelled for nonpayment of fees must obtain permission from the Department before registering for subsequent Slavic L&L courses. Petitions should be made through the student advisor.

4. Slavic L&L majors must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 for all courses presented for the Department major.

Review of Progress

Student records are reviewed quarterly. If a student fails to meet the standards outlined above, the student will be placed on probation for the following quarter and will be notified in writing of the probationary status and what must be done to remove it. Students who fail to meet the criteria for two consecutive quarters will be dropped from the program. In addition, a student who has accumulated three probationary quarters will be dropped from the program.

Appeals

A student who is placed on probation or dismissed and who believes that his or her record has been misunderstood may appeal (in writing) to our ad hoc appeals committee, consisting of faculty, staff and the lead graduate teaching assistant. The appeal must be given to the student advisor within 30 days of notification of probation or dismissal. The faculty committee will respond to the appeal within 30 days.

Academic Counseling

Undergraduate advising is handled by the Humanities Academic Services Center. All Slavic L&L majors are encouraged to seek
out a student adviser as often as they wish, and at least once a year. Required counseling appointments are as follow:

1. Upon entry to or departure from the Department, to obtain a signature to change majors.
2. During any probationary quarter, no later than the end of the first week of the quarter.
3. The quarter of graduation, for database update and exit interview.
4. Upon request by the student adviser or a faculty member. The Department wants to help our students do well in the program, and we may, therefore, request an appointment to discuss performance.

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