

Russian Major

Bosnian/Croatian/Montenegrin/Serbian (BCMS), Polish, and Slovak Studies Minors

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The Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures offers a major in Russian and minors in Bosnian/Croatian/Montenegrin/Serbian (BCMS), Polish, and Slovak Studies. During the fall and spring terms, the department offers courses in Russian, BCMS, Polish, Slovak, and Ukrainian.

These languages, as well as Bulgarian and Czech, are also taught in the Summer Language Institute (SLI) at Pitt. Offered in June, July, and the first part of August, the SLI provides intensive courses that cover an entire year of study at the first- through fourth-year levels of Russian language, and the first-year—and typically the second-and third-year—levels of other Slavic languages. There are also study abroad courses available at the SLI in which students spend half of the program in Pittsburgh, and half in Russia, Montenegro, Poland, Slovakia, or the Czech Republic. For prospective majors, the SLI affords the opportunity to rapidly increase language proficiency in order to qualify for advanced courses, study abroad programs, or research opportunities.

Prospective majors in the Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures include: students who are primarily interested in language or literature, students who wish to enhance their career opportunities in a unique way, students who have an interest in the politics and culture of Russia and Eastern Europe, and students with a desire to explore their ethnic heritage. For students interested in interdisciplinary area studies, the Russian and East European Studies (REES) certificate, offered through UCIS, is an attractive complement to a major or minor in the Slavic department.

Many Russian majors continue their studies in graduate school or go on to careers in law, engineering, business, and government. Students of Slavic languages find their training valuable when working for local western Pennsylvania institutions and in politics, business, health-related professions, and the media, because of the large population in this region which traces its roots to the various Slavic peoples of Eastern Europe. Students interested in a major or minor in the department should begin language study early to ensure attainment of advanced language proficiency.

Required courses for the Russian major

The Russian major requires the completion of 30 credits, over and above preparatory work in the language at the elementary and intermediate levels, distributed as follows.

Language courses

Third-year Russian; choose one of the following options

RUSS 0400 Advanced Russian 1 **and** RUSS 0410 Advanced Russian 2

RUSS 0230 Intensive Advanced Russian

RUSS 0231 Advanced Intensive Russian/Pitt in Moscow

Fourth-year Russian; choose one of the following options

RUSS 1420 Fourth-Year Russian 1 **and** 1430 Fourth-Year Russian 2

RUSS 0240 Intensive Fourth-Year Russian

RUSS 0241 4th Year Intensive Russian/Pitt in Moscow

Core survey courses

RUSS 0850 Early Russian Culture

RUSS 0860 Modern Russian

Honors major requirements: Honors in Russian is granted if, in addition to fulfilling all requirements for the major, the student:
maintained a GPA of 3.75 or above in RUSS courses;
maintained an overall GPA of 3.25 or above;
completed an additional capstone-eligible course over and above the major requirements; the work for this course should represent a significant research project and will be evaluated by an appointed faculty member and at least one additional member of the department.

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Study abroad: Students are encouraged to participate in an approved study-abroad program for a semester or the summer term. The department will adjust the course requirements in individual cases to accommodate this participation without delaying the student's graduation. Majors often apply for SLI5

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