

Slavic Studies

Slavic Studies is concerned with the languages, literatures, and civilizations of the Slavic world. Built on sound knowledge of one or two Slavic languages (normally Russian or Czech) the program allows students to develop an in-depth appreciation and understanding of East European cultures and civilizations through a broad spectrum of interdisciplinary fields. Students take courses in literature, history, culture, theater, political science, economics, and international relations. Concentrators focusing on Russia learn one of the world's most commonly spoken languages and study some of the world's best-regarded authors and composers: Tolstoy and Dostoevsky, Gogol and Bulgakov, Tchaikovsky and Mussorgsky, and Rachmaninoff and Stravinsky. Focusing on Czech allows students to explore, for example, how Czechs distinguished themselves by peacefully transitioning from communism to capitalism (the "Velvet Revolution") and separating peacefully with the Slovak Republic (the "Velvet Divorce"). Most concentrators study abroad in a Slavic country, either during the academic year or the summer.

Requirements for the AB Degree

Six semesters of one Slavic language or the equivalent, or a combined total of eight semesters of two Slavic languages or the equivalent.

RUSS 0100 & RUSS 0200 or RUSS 0110	Introductory Russian and Introductory Russian Intensive Russian
RUSS 0300 & RUSS 0400	Intermediate Russian and Intermediate Russian
RUSS 0500 & RUSS 0600	Advanced Russian and Advanced Russian
In cases where a student's interests and course of study warrant it, and only upon consulting the concentration advisor, the student may apply more than one Slavic language to the concentration (Czech or Polish in addition to Russian), and would then need a combined total of eight semesters of two Slavic languages:	
CZCH 0100 & CZCH 0200	Introductory Czech and Introductory Czech
CZCH 0400 & RUSS 0300	Intermediate Czech and Intermediate Russian
PLSH 0100 & PLSH 0200	Introductory Polish and Introductory Polish
PLSH 0300 & PLSH 0400	Intermediate Polish and Intermediate Polish

The concentration in Slavic Studies requires students to complete a minimum of seven 1000-level courses devoted to the study of the East European civilizations: literature, history, culture, theater, political science, economics, international relations. Typically, at least four of these courses will be from within the Department of Slavic Studies. Students' choice of courses is subject to the approval of the concentration advisor.

Courses in the Department of Slavic Studies:

CZCH 1000	Dimensions of Czech Animation: Contexts, Interpretations, and Dialogs with the East
RUSS 1110	Special Topics in Russian Studies I: Advanced Reading and Conversation
RUSS 1120	Special Topics in Russian Studies II: Advanced Reading and Conversation
RUSS 1200	Russian Fantasy and Science Fiction
RUSS 1220	Nationalism and Nationalities
RUSS 1250	Russian Cinema
RUSS 1290	Russian Literature in Translation I: Pushkin to Dostoevsky

RUSS 1300	Russian Literature in Translation II: Tolstoy to Solzhenitsyn
RUSS 1330	Soviet Culture: Propaganda, Dissidence, Underground
RUSS 1340	The Russian Novel
RUSS 1440	Imagining Moscow: Utopia and Urban Spaces in 20th-Century Russian Culture
RUSS 1450	Love, Adultery, and Sexuality
RUSS 1500	Approaches to Russian Literature
RUSS 1550	Beyond the Kremlin: Russian Culture and Politics in the Twenty-First Century
RUSS 1600	Literature and History: Russian Historical Imagination in the European Context
RUSS 1660	Sexuality and Revolution in 20th-Century Russian Culture
RUSS 1800	Pushkin
RUSS 1810	Tolstoy
RUSS 1820	Dostoevsky
RUSS 1840	Nabokov
RUSS 1860	Chekhov
RUSS 1848	Central Europe: An Idea and its Literature
RUSS 1870	Gogol
RUSS 1967	Russian Postmodernism
SLAV 1250	Polish Culture Through Film
SLAV 1300	Language and Politics in East Europe and Russia
Sample courses in other departments:	
HIST 1268A	The Rise of the Russian Empire
HIST 1268B	Russia in the Era of Reforms, Revolutions, and World Wars
HIST 1268C	The Collapse of Socialism and the Rise of New Russia

Honors

Honors candidacy in Slavic studies assumes an excellent academic record, particularly in the concentration. Additional requirements are the same as those for a standard concentration, plus the writing of a senior thesis (SLAV 990). For procedures and schedule for writing a senior thesis, please refer to the department guidelines.