INTRODUCTION TO THE MAJOR

The Slavic Languages and Literatures department offers two major tracks. The Major in Russian, East European, and Eurasian Languages and Cultures offers an interdisciplinary area studies approach to the languages and cultures of this huge, diverse, and vitally important region of the world. Students focus on one language: Russian, Armenian, Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian, Czech, Hungarian, or Polish. The Major in Russian Language and Literature is designed to give students in-depth knowledge of Russian language and literature. Graduates go on to careers in fields such as journalism, business, diplomacy, international development, education, social work, health, and environmental affairs. A Slavic major also provides excellent preparation for graduate studies as well as a sound background in the liberal arts for those attending professional school.

ADDITIONAL OPTIONS

The Slavic Department’s majors are flexible: we take into account individual students’ academic interests, prior exposure to the area, and knowledge of its languages. Already have an intended major but interested in Slavic Language and Literatures? Consider adding a double major or minor.

For non-majors, we offer a number of courses (taught in English) that fulfill breadth requirements in Arts and Literature, Philosophy and Values, Historical Studies, Social and Behavioral Sciences, and International Studies, as well as Freshmen and Sophomore seminars.

AMPLIFY YOUR MAJOR

- Study abroad in Russia or other Eastern European countries.
- Submit your work to TROIKA, the undergraduate journal.
- Apply for an ISEES Fellowship to receive support for a research project.
- Check out the Slavic & East European Studies collection at the Doe Library.

The Slavic department was an invaluable part of my college experience. I can’t imagine a better setting for learning a foreign language.

– 2019 graduate

HOW TO USE THIS MAP

Use this map to help plan and guide your experience at UC Berkeley, including academic, co-curricular, and discovery opportunities. Everyone’s Berkeley experience is different and activities in this map are suggestions. Always consult with your advisors whenever possible for new opportunities and updates.

CONNECT WITH US

Cal Day
Come to UC Berkeley’s annual Open House in April for information sessions, campus tours, special talks, and more.

Golden Bear Orientation
Join your peers in the campus-wide UC Berkeley orientation program for all new students.

Events
Attend department events with students, faculty, and staff. Visit slavic.berkeley.edu for news and updates.

ADVISING

Slavic Languages and Literatures has two people to reach for advising:

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Monday - Friday 8:30am - 5pm
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## SLAVIC LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES

**Bachelor of Arts**

### WHAT CAN I DO WITH MY MAJOR?

**Jobs and Employers**
- Associate, Pillsbury Law
- Attorney, Winston & Straun
- Fulbright English Teach. Asst., Russia
- Intl. Trd. Anlst., Northrup Grummond

**Graduate Programs**
- Chemistry, PhD
- Comparative Literature, PhD
- History, Masters
- International Relations, Masters
- Law, JD
- Medical Neurosciences, Masters
- Russian Literature, PhD

### DESIGN YOUR JOURNEY

#### FIRST YEAR

- **Explore your major**
  - Meet with your major and college advisor to discuss your academic plans.
  - Review major and college requirements
  - Enroll in L&S 1 and HUM 10 (Compass Courses)
  - Take the language placement exam for your chosen language of study.

- **Connect and build community**
  - Get into mentoring from graduate students with Berkeley Connect and L&S Mentors Program
  - Find study groups, tutoring, and academic support at the Student Learning Center
  - Explore the Berkeley Language Center

- **Discover your passions**
  - Discover new interests in a Freshman Seminar or student-run DeCal course.
  - Visit the Office of Undergraduate Research and Scholarships
  - Explore Slavic & East European Studies collection at the Doe Library

- **Engage locally and globally**
  - Attend the Calapalooza student activities fair and get involved with a student organization.
  - Find service opportunities through the Public Service Center
  - Explore study, internship, and research abroad opportunities in Slavic with Berkeley Study Abroad.

- **Reflect and plan your future**
  - Visit the Career Center and Career Counseling Library
  - Check out the Career Center Yearly Planner
  - Set up a Handshake account and sign up for CareerMail
  - Explore career fields in the Career Connections Networking Series.

#### SECOND YEAR

- **Explore your major**
  - Begin working on lower division requirements including language and literature/culture courses for your major track, and declare the major.
  - Review the major guidelines for study abroad.

- **Connect and build community**
  - Explore resources from the Institute of Slavic, Eastern European, and Eurasian Studies
  - Get to know professors and graduate student instructors during their office hours.

- **Discover your passions**
  - Continue exploring with a Sophomore Seminar, Big Ideas Course or Discovery Course
  - Assist faculty and graduate students in their research through URAP and SURF-SMART
  - Build your research skills in HUM 101: Research Bootcamp.

- **Engage locally and globally**
  - Contribute to a community organization with an American Cultures Engaged Scholarship course.
  - Go on a service-learning trip with the Alternative Breaks Program
  - Apply to the Boren Scholarship or Critical Language Scholarship program.

#### THIRD YEAR

- **Explore your major**
  - Focus on upper division requirements for your major track and concentration.
  - Review your degree progress with your major and college advisor.
  - Complete any "bucket list" courses.
  - Finish remaining major, college, and campus requirements.
  - Consider a membership in Dobro Slovo, the National Slavic Honors Society.

- **Connect and build community**
  - Sign up for the ISEEES email list and attend institute-affiliated events.
  - Consider becoming a Golden Bear Orientation Leader and welcome new students to UC Berkeley.
  - Work with peers and graduate students in HUM 196: Mentored Research and Discovery Groups.

- **Discover your passions**
  - Apply for an ISEEES Fellowship to receive support for a research project.
  - Planning a senior thesis or project? Apply to the Haas Scholars Program or SURF.
  - Curious about entrepreneurship? Enroll in HUM 120: Entrepreneurship for All.

- **Engage locally and globally**
  - Experience life at another UC or college on a summer minor, or certificate.
  - Begin working on lower division requirements to graduate.
  - Do a degree check to ensure you are on track to graduate.
  - Complete any "bucket list" courses.
  - Finish remaining major, college, and campus requirements.
  - Consider a membership in Dobro Slovo, the National Slavic Honors Society.

#### FOURTH YEAR

- **Explore your major**
  - Explore career fields and conduct informational interviews with people in those fields.
  - Discuss graduate school options with advisors and professors.
  - Create or update your resume and LinkedIn profile.
  - Attend career and graduate school fairs.

- **Connect and build community**
  - Experience life at another UC or college on a summer minor, or certificate.
  - Begin working on lower division requirements to graduate.
  - Do a degree check to ensure you are on track to graduate.
  - Complete any "bucket list" courses.
  - Finish remaining major, college, and campus requirements.
  - Consider a membership in Dobro Slovo, the National Slavic Honors Society.

- **Discover your passions**
  - Practice your language skills while helping others learn in the SLC Language Exchange Program.
  - Get support for your thesis project in the Townsend Honors Thesis Workshop.
  - Connect with alumni groups and build your network as you prepare to graduate.

- **Engage locally and globally**
  - Teach your own DeCal course.
  - Undertake an optional honors thesis or independent study.
  - Submit your work to the undergraduate journal TROIKA.
  - Keep pursuing your interests through a fellowship or gap year after graduation.

- **Reflect and plan your future**
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#### Yearly Planner

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  - Review major and college requirements
  - Enroll in L&S 1 and HUM 10 (Compass Courses)
  - Take the language placement exam for your chosen language of study.

- **Second Year**
  - Explore resources from the Institute of Slavic, Eastern European, and Eurasian Studies
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- **Third Year**
  - Apply for an ISEEES Fellowship to receive support for a research project.
  - Planning a senior thesis or project? Apply to the Haas Scholars Program or SURF.
  - Curious about entrepreneurship? Enroll in HUM 120: Entrepreneurship for All.

- **Fourth Year**
  - Experience life at another UC or college on a summer minor, or certificate.
  - Begin working on lower division requirements to graduate.
  - Do a degree check to ensure you are on track to graduate.
  - Complete any "bucket list" courses.
  - Finish remaining major, college, and campus requirements.
  - Consider a membership in Dobro Slovo, the National Slavic Honors Society.

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Examples gathered from the First Destination Survey of recent Berkeley graduates.

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