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 ISEEES 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
SLAVIC LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES
Bachelor of Arts

DESIGN YOUR JOURNEY

FIRST YEAR
- 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.
- Explore your passions
  - Discover new interests in a Freshman Seminar or student-run DeCal course.
  - Visit the Office of Undergraduate Research and Scholarships.
  - Check out the 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 options in Slavic with Berkeley Study Abroad.

SECOND YEAR
- 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
- 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.

THIRD YEAR
- Focus on upper division requirements for your major track and concentration.
- Review your degree progress with your major and college advisor.
- Complement your major with a certificate, course thread, or summer minor.
- Connect globally and locally
  - 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 SMART.
  - Build your research skills in HUM W101: Research Bootcamp.
- 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 options in Slavic with Berkeley Study Abroad.

FOURTH YEAR
- 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, National Slavic Honors Society.

WHAT CAN I DO WITH MY MAJOR?
- Jobs and Employers
  - Associate, Pillsbury Law Firm.
  - Attorney, Winston & Straun
  - Fulbright English Teach. Asst., Russia
  - Intl. Trd. Analst., Northrup Grummond
  - Law Clerk, Cook Cty. Public Defender
  - Taxonomist, Walmart Labs
  - Res and Program Assoc., Brennan Ctr.
- Graduate Programs
  - Chemistry, PhD
  - Comparative Literature, PhD
  - History, Masters
  - International Relations, Masters
  - Law, JD
  - Medical Neurosciences, Masters
  - Russian Literature, PhD

Examples gathered from the Career Destinations Survey of recent Berkeley graduates.