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.
### SLAVIC LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES

**Bachelor of Arts**

**Design Your Journey**

**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
- 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

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**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 11 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.
  - 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.

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**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 URP and SMART.
  - Build your research skills in HUM W101: 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.

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**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.
  - Complement your major with a certificate, course thread, or summer minor.

- **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 HUM150: Entrepreneurship for All.

- **Engage locally and globally**
  - Experience life at another UC or college on a visitor and exchange program.
  - Study and intern in Washington D.C. with UCDC or Cal in the Capital.
  - Get international work experience with a Berkeley Global Internship in Prague.

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**Fourth Year**

- **Explore your major**
  - 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.

- **Connect and build community**
  - 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.

- **Discover your passions**
  - 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.

- **Engage locally and globally**
  - Hone your leadership skills with the Peter E. Haas Public Service Leaders program.
  - Explore service opportunities after graduation, such as Peace Corps, Teach for America, or U.S. Department of State.
  - Apply to the Fulbright ETA Program to teach English in Russia and Eastern Europe.

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**Career Destinations Survey**

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

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