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Slovak Studies Minor

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

Checklist for the Slovak Studies minor

Slovak language option (15 credits)

- _____ SLOVAK 0010
- _____ SLOVAK 0020
- _____ SLOVAK 0030
- _____ SLOVAK 0040
- _____ SLOVAK 0400

Slovak culture option (15 credits)

- _____ SLOVAK 0010
- _____ SLOVAK 0020

Three (3) of the following

- _____ SLOVAK 0030
- _____ SLOVAK 0380
- _____ SLOVAK 0890
- _____ SLAV 1865

Note: Students must apply for any official minor they will complete or have completed at the time they apply for graduation.

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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. A partial list of study abroad opportunities follows.

Summer study in Moscow

The Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures currently sponsors a ten-credit summer-study program as part of the SLI in Pittsburgh and Moscow at the Moscow State University. Students may study first- through fourth-year Russian, covering one full year of language study in ten weeks. The department can be reached at 412-624-5096 or via e-mail at Slavic@Pitt.edu.

Study Abroad

The University of Pittsburgh is affiliated with a number of organizations offering summer, semester, or year-long study in Russia. The Study Abroad Office, located in 802 WPU, can be reached at 412-647-7413.

Russian and East European Studies Center

REES organizes study abroad programs in locations from the Czech Republic to Slovakia. REES makes scholarships available for many of these programs. The REES undergraduate advisor can be reached at 412-648-7403.

Nationality Rooms Program

This program offers a wide variety of competitive scholarships for study in many parts of the world, including Central and Eastern Europe. Applications are due in January. The NRP, located in 1209 CL, can be reached at 412-624-6150.

