



Bosnian/Croatian/Montenegrin/Serbian (BCMS), Polish, and Slovak Studies Minors

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

Students may complete this 15-credit minor during the regular academic year or through summer study of the Bosnian/Croatian/Montenegrin/Serbian language. *SLAV 1850 may not be used to fulfill a requirement for more than one academic program.*

Option 1: Academic year

_____ BCMS _____ BCMS
0410
_____ BCMS _____ SLAV
1850
_____ BCMS

Option 2: Summer study; choose one course from each of the following pairs

_____ BCMS 0220 _____ BCMS
0230
_____ CMS _____ BCMS
0231

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Checklist for the Polish minor

Students may complete this 15-credit minor during the regular academic year or through summer study of the Polish language. *SLAV 1865 may not be used to fulfill a requirement for more than one academic program.*

Option 1: Academic year

_____ POLISH 0030 _____
POLISH 0410

_____ POLISH 0040 _____
POLISH 0325/0870/1260
_____ POLISH 0400 _____ SLAV
1865

Option 2: Summer study; choose one course from each of the following pairs

_____ POLISH _____ POLISH 0230
_____ POLISH _____ POLISH 0233

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Checklist for the Slovak Studies minor

Option 1: Academic year

_____ SLOVAK _____ SLOVAK 0410
_____ SLOVAK _____ SLOVAK 0890 or 1250
_____ SLOVAK 0400

Option 2: Summer study

_____ SLOVAK 0220 or 0221 _____ SLOVAK 0230 or 0231
_____ SLOVAK 0890 or 1250

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