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

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.

Visit ue.berkeley.edu/majormaps for the latest version of this major map.
# SLAVIC LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES

**Bachelor of Arts**

## Design Your Journey

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<td>Meet with your major and college advisor to discuss your academic plans. Review major and college requirements. Enroll in L&amp;S 1 and HUM 10 (Compass Courses). Take the language placement exam for your chosen language of study.</td>
<td>Get 11 mentoring from graduate students with Berkeley Connect and L&amp;S Mentors Program. Find study groups, tutoring, and academic support at the Student Learning Center. Explore the Berkeley Language Center.</td>
<td>Discover new interests in a Freshman Seminar or student-run DeCal course. Visit the Office of Undergraduate Research and Scholarships. Check out the Slavic &amp; East European Studies collection at the Doe Library.</td>
<td>Attend the Calpalooza 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.</td>
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<td>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.</td>
<td>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 196: Mentored Research and Discovery Groups.</td>
<td>Apply for an ISEEEES 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.</td>
<td>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.</td>
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<td>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.</td>
<td>Sign up for the ISEEEES 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.</td>
<td>Practice your language skills while helping others learn in the SLCLanguage 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.</td>
<td>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.</td>
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<td>Do a degree check to ensure you are on track to graduate. Complete any &quot;bucket list&quot; courses. Finish remaining major, college, and campus requirements. Consider a membership in Dobro Slovo, the National Slavic Honors Society.</td>
<td>Teach your own DeCal course. Undertake an optional honors thesis or independent study. Submit your work to the undergraduate journal TROINKA. Keep pursuing your interests through a fellowship or gap year after graduation.</td>
<td>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.</td>
<td>Undertake an optional DeCal course or student-run Calapalooza. Explore student-run projects or DeCal course. Keep pursuing your interests through a DeCal course.</td>
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<td>Learn about 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.</td>
<td>Ask professors and graduate student instructors for recommendation letters. Meet employers at Employer Info Sessions and On-Campus Recruiting. Apply to jobs, graduate school, and other opportunities.</td>
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**WHAT CAN I DO WITH MY MAJOR?**

- **Jobs and Employers**
  - Associate, Pillsary Law
  - Attorney, Winston & Straun
  - Aviation Instructor
  - Business Development, SAP
  - Digital News Producer, KTLA
  - Digital Skills & Financial Literacy Specialist, International Rescue Committee
  - Fulbright English Teach. Asst., Russia
  - Indo. Tr. Anl., Northrup Grummond
  - Law Clerk, Cook Cty. Public Defender
  - Taxonomist, Walmart Labs
  - Res. and Program Assoc., Brennan Ctr.
  - Writer, The Armenian Weekly

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

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

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