Slavic Languages and Literatures

The Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures PhD graduate program is designed to train future scholars and teachers of Slavic languages and literatures. Students specialize either in literature or linguistics, combining a core curriculum with independent research early in their graduate career.

Students are admitted to the PhD or MA/PhD program only; the department will not consider applicants for the MA only.

Program in Literature and Culture

The program in literature and culture provides a thorough knowledge of the evolving literary canon along with attendant historical contexts while encouraging students to acquire expertise in literary and cultural theory.

Berkeley welcomes students with interdisciplinary interests. Slavic students may pursue official designated emphases in Film, Folklore, Women Gender and Sexuality Studies, Critical Theory, or Renaissance and Early Modern Studies, as well as individually designed areas of specialization. The Slavic Department works in collaboration with the departments of Comparative Literature, Linguistics, Anthropology, History, Theater, Music, Art History, and with the Institute of Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies, which houses the Berkeley Program in Soviet and Post-Soviet Studies and The Caucasus and Central Asia Program.

The majority of students at Berkeley choose Russian as their major language. We encourage students who wish to explore the diverse literary and cultural traditions of Russia, Eastern Europe, and Eurasia. We accept a small number of students who choose Polish, Bulgarian or BCS (Bosnian, Croatian, Serbian) language and literature as their major field; in such cases, special programs are established and students do much of their graduate work independently. These students normally take Russian as a minor field. Berkeley does not administer a PhD Program in Czech, but Czech can be chosen as the second Slavic language.

Program in Linguistics

The Slavic linguistics concentration of our program has been considerably reduced in recent years. Because students of Slavic linguistics have to do most of the graduate work in individual meetings with faculty, we aim to admit students who already have advanced preparation in the field and who are able and willing to pursue an independent course of professional training.

Admission to the University Applying for Graduate Admission

Thank you for considering UC Berkeley for graduate study! UC Berkeley offers more than 120 graduate programs representing the breadth and depth of interdisciplinary scholarship. The Graduate Division hosts a complete list (https://grad.berkeley.edu/admissions/choosing-your-program/list/) of graduate academic programs, departments, degrees offered, and application deadlines can be found on the Graduate Division website.

Prospective students must submit an online application to be considered for admission, in addition to any supplemental materials specific to the program for which they are applying. The online application and steps

to take to apply can be found on the Graduate Division website (https://grad.berkeley.edu/admissions/steps-to-apply/).

Admission Requirements

The minimum graduate admission requirements are:

- A bachelor's degree or recognized equivalent from an accredited institution;
- 2. A satisfactory scholastic average, usually a minimum grade-point average (GPA) of 3.0 (B) on a 4.0 scale; and
- Enough undergraduate training to do graduate work in your chosen field.

For a list of requirements to complete your graduate application, please see the Graduate Division's Admissions Requirements page (https://grad.berkeley.edu/admissions/steps-to-apply/requirements/). It is also important to check with the program or department of interest, as they may have additional requirements specific to their program of study and degree. Department contact information can be found here (https://guide.berkeley.edu/archive/2024-25/graduate/degree-programs/).

Where to apply?

Visit the Berkeley Graduate Division application page (http://grad.berkeley.edu/admissions/apply/).

Admission to the Program

We select our graduate students on the basis of prior academic achievement and promise of success in scholarship and teaching. Students admitted to the PhD program with an MA in Slavic or a related field from another institution are required to pass a screening (permission-to-proceed) examination. Students who have earned the MA degree from this department may receive permission to proceed to the PhD program following successful performance on the MA comprehensive examinations and demonstrated aptitude for advanced work. The department does not accept applications for a terminal MA program of study.

Normative Time Requirements Total Normative Time

Total normative time is six years.

Time to Advancement

Curriculum

Russian Literature Concentration

SLAVIC 201	Compact Seminar in Slavic Cultural and Literary Studies (if applicable per proficiency)	2
SLAVIC 204	Course Not Available	
SLAVIC 210	Old Church Slavic	4
SLAVIC 222	Descriptive Grammar of Slavic Languages	4
SLAVIC 280	Studies in Slavic Literature and Linguistics	4
SLAVIC 281	Proseminar: Aims and Methods of Literary Scholarship	4

SLAVIC Literature electives, as per specialized study list

Russian Linguistics Concentration

SLAVIC 200	Graduate Colloquium (if applicable per proficiency)	0.0
SLAVIC 201	Compact Seminar in Slavic Cultural and Literary Studies	2
SLAVIC 204	Course Not Available	
SLAVIC 210	Old Church Slavic	4
SLAVIC 222	Descriptive Grammar of Slavic Languages	4
SLAVIC 280	Studies in Slavic Literature and Linguistics	4
SLAVIC 282	Proseminar: Aims and Methods of Linguistic Scholarship (can be substituted by LINGUIS 100)	4

SLAVIC Linguistics electives, as per specialized study list

Foreign Language(s)

Students of linguistics are required to demonstrate a reading knowledge of either French or German before taking the MA exams. They must demonstrate a reading knowledge of both before taking the PhD exams.

Students of literature are required to demonstrate a reading knowledge of either French or German before taking their MA exams. As an alternative, students of literature have the option to complete two semesters of a second Slavic language on a letter-grade basis. Students may, with prior permission granted on an individual basis and with a view to pursuing specific research goals, fulfill this requirement by studying a non-Slavic language from a region within the former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe (e.g., Armenian, Georgian, Estonian, and Hungarian).

Preliminary Exams

At the beginning of the semester in which the examination is taken, students who will take the PhD qualifying exam must file the Application for the Qualifying Examination (http://www.grad.berkeley.edu/policies/forms.shtml/). Note that it requires the names of the student's examination committee (including the outside member). It is advisable to consult with the graduate advisor and, for students of linguistics, with the faculty mentor, and committee members during the semester preceding the examination. By the Graduate Division rules, applicants must list at least three subject areas in which the candidate will be examined. Students in our department list their major and minor fields (literature) or three subject areas (linguistics) as well as the general field for all students: Russian language (or another major Slavic language). The completed form must be signed by the graduate adviser, and if applicable, the designated emphasis graduate adviser. The form is then submitted to the Graduate Division for approval.

In brief:

- Print and fill the form; if necessary, consult with the graduate assistant:
- Consult with the graduate advisor and, for students of linguistics, with the faculty mentor, and obtain the signatures;
- Make a copy for your department file and hand it to the graduate assistant; and
- 4. Deliver the form to 318 Sproul Hall, Graduate Division.

Field Papers

Research Requirement (qualifying paper or publishable paper):
All graduate students are required to submit an extended research
paper (on a topic of their choice) to satisfy the departmental research
requirement. Usually, but not necessarily, the research paper is a revised
and expanded version of a course/seminar paper. It is expected that the
paper will be of publishable quality, that is, it will meet the standards of

a scholarly journal in its scope, originality, form, and technical format. In some cases, this paper may further lead to a dissertation topic. The paper is submitted to the graduate adviser at the end of the third year (or by exception, at the beginning of the semester which precedes the exam). The paper must be approved by the graduate adviser, who usually asks two or more faculty members to read it. Faculty members are expected to promptly read and evaluate the paper. In some cases, additional revisions of the paper may be asked, which makes timing essential.

Time in Candidacy

Advancement

Advancement to candidacy is an important official procedure. To qualify for advancement, a student must have passed the qualifying examinations and completed all other requirements for the degree (course requirements and language requirements). For the application, the student, in consultation with the graduate advisor and, for students of linguistics, with the faculty mentor, will create a working title for the dissertation and select the dissertation committee members.

Prospectus

The dissertation prospectus is a detailed outline of the project. The department requires that a student complete an approved prospectus by the end of the semester following the PhD qualifying examination. At this point students begin registering for the required units through SLAVIC 299 (Directed Research), which is usually supervised by the chair of their dissertation committee, though units may be divided between members of the committee as approved by the graduate adviser

The prospectus generally includes a justification of the topic and a description of methodology, objectives, available scholarly literature, the potential relevance of the work, and the structure of the dissertation and includes a working bibliography. Once this prospectus has been approved by the graduate advisor, a copy should be given to the graduate assistant for the student's file.

Dissertation

The doctoral dissertation represents the final demonstration, in the graduate program, of a student's research and scholarly abilities, and constitutes an original contribution to the field of study. It is an independent investigation undertaken with faculty guidance and evaluation, and as such it is important that this phase of graduate work be conducted with periodic consultation between the student and the dissertation committee members. The dissertation must receive the unanimous approval of the committee members in order for it to be accepted as final completion of the degree requirements.

During the course of work on the dissertation, it is the student's responsibility to initiate and maintain regular contact with the dissertation committee. Likewise, it is the responsibility of the faculty members to be available for consultation and to offer necessary direction, advice and suggestions for improvements in the research and writing. To ensure adequate and regular faculty/student contact time students enroll each semester in SLAVIC 299, dissertation writing course.

Normally a student will be expected to complete the dissertation within two years after being advanced to candidacy. Each semester, the graduate adviser, in consultation with the dissertation chair, reviews the student's work to determine if acceptable progress is being made. Failure

to make progress in the research and/or writing of the dissertation may result in the lapsing of a student's candidacy, as regulated by the dean of the Graduate Division.

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Slavic Languages and Literatures SLAVIC 200 Graduate Colloquium 0.0 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Spring 2025, Fall 2024 Reports on current scholarly work by faculty and graduate students. **Hours & Format**

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 0 hours of colloquium per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Slavic Languages and Literatures/Graduate

Grading: Offered for satisfactory/unsatisfactory grade only.

SLAVIC 201 Compact Seminar in Slavic Cultural and Literary Studies 2 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2015, Spring 2014, Fall 2013

This compact seminar features a distinguished visiting instructor with expertise in topics related to Slavic literature and cultures. The seminar is intended to teach these topics in an intensive format and to complement regular departmental offerings. A series of weekly responses and discussions, and a final research proposal are required.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes. Students may enroll in multiple sections of this course within the same semester.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 5 weeks - 2 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Slavic Languages and Literatures/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

SLAVIC 210 Old Church Slavic 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2023, Spring 2022, Spring 2020

Introduction to Old Church Slavic, with special attention to inflexional morphology. Assigned translations and sight reading of selected texts.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Reading knowledge of a modern Slavic language or

consent of instructor

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Slavic Languages and Literatures/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

SLAVIC 214 Medieval Orthodox Slavic Texts 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2021, Fall 2018, Fall 2016

Assigned translations and sight reading of selected Medieval Orthodox

Slavic texts.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 210

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Slavic Languages and Literatures/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

SLAVIC 220 Comparative Slavic Linguistics 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2011, Fall 2008, Fall 2005

Reconstruction of Common Slavic phonology and morphology in relation

to Indo-European and modern Slavic languages.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 210

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Slavic Languages and Literatures/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

SLAVIC 222 Descriptive Grammar of Slavic Languages 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2024, Fall 2022, Fall 2020

Survey of morphology and syntax of a contemporary Slavic language (Czech, Polish, Russian, or Serbian/Croatian); see departmental announcement for topic. Recommended for prospective teachers.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Knowledge of the language

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Slavic Languages and Literatures/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

SLAVIC 223 Advanced Structure of Slavic Languages: Grammatical Analysis and Theory 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2008

Analysis of synchronic grammar and structure of discourse of a Slavic language (Czech, Polish, Russian, or Serbian/Croatian) with attention to theoretical models; see Department announcement for topic.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 222

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Slavic Languages and Literatures/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

SLAVIC 230 Historical Grammar of Slavic Languages 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2011, Fall 2009, Spring 2004
Historical phonology, morphology, and syntax of a Slavic language (Czech, Polish, Russian, or Serbian/Croatian). Some coverage of dialectology. See Department announcement for topic.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 210

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Slavic Languages and Literatures/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

SLAVIC 231 History of Slavic Literary Languages 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2012, Spring 2006, Spring 2004
Analysis of language and style of a Slavic literary language (Czech,
Polish, Russian, or Serbian/Croatian) from the beginnings to the present,
with emphasis on periods of particular significance. See Department
announcement for topic.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Advanced knowledge of the modern language, 210; 214 and at least one advanced or graduate level literature course

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Slavic Languages and Literatures/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

SLAVIC 234 South Slavic Linguistics 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2010, Fall 2006, Fall 2001

Linguistic history and dialectology of Slovenian, Bulgarian, Macedonian, and Serbian/Croatian.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 220

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Slavic Languages and Literatures/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade. **Instructor:** Alexander

SLAVIC 239 Twentieth-Century Slavic Literary Theory 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2020, Spring 2017, Spring 2014

Attempts to describe literary forms, poetic usage of language, and cultural infrastructure, as a code, examined as a consistent trend in 20th-Century literary theory. Consideration of this scholarly trend in historical perspective; its sources, evolution, and eventual dissipation.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 281, 282, 221, one of following: 245, 246,287; approval of

instructor

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Slavic Languages and Literatures/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

SLAVIC 242 Eighteenth-Century Russian Literature 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2023, Fall 2020, Fall 2017

Studies in poetry, drama, and fiction, covering major figures between 1730 and the end of the century.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Slavic Languages and Literatures/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

SLAVIC 243 The Russian Novel and Literatures of Western Europe 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2008, Fall 2005, Fall 2001

The development of the nineteenth-century Russian novel and its sources in and links with Western literary works and movements.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Slavic Languages and Literatures/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

SLAVIC 245A Russian Sentimentalism and Romanticism (1790s-1840s) 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Spring 2024, Fall 2018

Coverage of major movements and genres in the intellectual context of the times. Readings in Russian.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Graduate standing or consent of instructor; adequate knowledge of Russian

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Slavic Languages and Literatures/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

SLAVIC 245B Russian Realism (1840s-1900) 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2023, Spring 2018, Fall 2014

Coverage of major movements and genres in the intellectual context of

the times. Readings in Russian.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Graduate standing or consent of instructor; adequate knowledge of Russian

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Slavic Languages and Literatures/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

SLAVIC 246A Russian Modernism (1890s-1920s) 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2024, Fall 2022, Spring 2020

Coverage of major movements and genres in the intellectual context of the times. Readings in Russian.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Graduate standing or consent of instructor; adequate knowledge of Russian

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Slavic Languages and Literatures/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

SLAVIC 246B Postwar Russian Literature (1945-1991) 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Fall 2021, Spring 2019

Coverage of major movements and genres in the intellectual context of the times. Readings in Russian.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Graduate standing or consent of instructor; adequate knowledge of Russian

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Slavic Languages and Literatures/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

SLAVIC 247A Russian Literature of the 21st Century 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2023

This course focuses on the Russophone literature in the new millennium (from the early 2000s to the present day), incorporating a crucial discussion of the late Soviet period and the 1990s. Readings in Russian. Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Graduate standing and consent of instructor; adequate knowledge of Russian

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Slavic Languages and Literatures/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

SLAVIC 248 Topics in Russian Cultural History 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2019, Fall 2009, Spring 1998

This seminar addresses the problems and methods of cultural history within the Russian context. Special attention will be given to the social, political, and historical matrices which determine (and may be determined by) aesthetic production, as well as to the role of culture in the construction of everyday life. Topic and period variable. Instruction in English; texts in English and Russian. Students without reading knowledge of Russian should consult with instructor.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Graduate standing or consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Slavic Languages and Literatures/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

SLAVIC 256 Topics in Slavic Folklore 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2017, Spring 2014, Spring 2013 Selected topics in Slavic folklore, with focus on contributions to folklore theory based on Slavic material.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Graduate standing; consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Slavic Languages and Literatures/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade. **Instructor:** Alexander

SLAVIC 258 Languages, Peoples, and Cultures of the Greater Slavic World 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2010

Topics in the languages, peoples, and cultures of Eastern and Central Europe, the CIS, and diasporas. Topics vary as to region (e.g., Northeastern Europe, the Baltic Coast, the Caucasus) and approach (e.g., sociolinguistics, ethnolinguistics, studies of ethnic and language minorities). Readings include sources in the original languages of the area.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Graduate standing, knowledge of target languages, consent of instructor

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Slavic Languages and Literatures/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

SLAVIC 280 Studies in Slavic Literature and Linguistics 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Spring 2024, Fall 2022 Advanced studies in the several fields of Slavic literatures and linguistics. Content varies.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Graduate standing; consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Slavic Languages and Literatures/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

SLAVIC 281 Proseminar: Aims and Methods of Literary Scholarship 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Fall 2024, Fall 2023

Course designed for new graduate students in literature. Introduction to modern literary theory and criticism; principles of textual analysis; methods of bibliographical research.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Slavic Languages and Literatures/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

SLAVIC 282 Proseminar: Aims and Methods of Linguistic Scholarship 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2010, Spring 2009, Spring 2006
Course designed for new graduate students in Slavic linguistics. A survey of general and Slavic linguistics, Slavic philology, semiotics, and the relation of linguistics to literary studies. Methods of research and critical analysis. Current issues and goals of research.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Slavic Languages and Literatures/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

SLAVIC 285 Eastern Christianity: History and Thought 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2014, Spring 2012, Spring 2009
A survey of the religious history and thought of Eastern Europe and the Levant with an intent of providing greater insight into the shaping of faith and cultures of both halves of Europe.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Slavic Languages and Literatures/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

SLAVIC 287 Russian Poetry 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Spring 2023, Fall 2019 Class conducted in Russian. Russian poetry and versification (eighteenth, nineteenth and twentieth centuries): close readings of texts. Variable topics.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Open to qualified undergraduates

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit with instructor consent.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Slavic Languages and Literatures/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

SLAVIC 298 Special Study for Graduate Students 2 - 8 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Spring 2025, Fall 2024

Preliminary exploration of a restricted field involving research and a

written report.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 0 hours of independent study per week

Summer: 10 weeks - 3-18 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Slavic Languages and Literatures/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

SLAVIC 299 Directed Research 1 - 12 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Summer 2025 10 Week Session, Spring 2025 Normally reserved for students directly engaged upon the doctoral dissertation.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 0-0 hours of independent study per week

Summer:

3 weeks - 0.5-30 hours of independent study per week

6 weeks - 0.5-30 hours of independent study per week

8 weeks - 0.5-22 hours of independent study per week

10 weeks - 0.5-18 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Slavic Languages and Literatures/Graduate

Grading: Offered for satisfactory/unsatisfactory grade only.

SLAVIC 301 Issues in Slavic Pedagogy 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2013, Fall 2012, Spring 2012

Independent study. Consideration of special issues in the teaching of

Slavic languages. Offered according to interest and need.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Graduate status in the Department of Slavic Languages

and Literatures

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit with instructor consent.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Slavic Languages and Literatures/Professional

course for teachers or prospective teachers

Grading: Offered for satisfactory/unsatisfactory grade only.

SLAVIC 310 Internship in the Teaching of Literature/Linguistics 1 - 2 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Fall 2024, Fall 2023

Weekly meetings with the instructor of the designated course. Discussion of course aims, syllabus preparation, lecture and assignment planning, grading, and related matters. Students may prepare a representative portion of the work for such a course (e.g., lecture outline and assignments for a course segment) and may participate in presentation of the material and in evaluation of samples of student work.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 0 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Slavic Languages and Literatures/Professional

course for teachers or prospective teachers

Grading: Offered for satisfactory/unsatisfactory grade only.

SLAVIC 375A Teaching Methods for Slavic Languages 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Spring 2025, Fall 2024

Course on practical teaching methods, grading, testing, and design of supplementary course materials. Required of all graduate student language instructors in Slavic. Course to be repeated for credit each semester of employment as a graduate student instructor.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Graduate student standing and teaching appointment in the Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit with instructor consent.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 0 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Slavic Languages and Literatures/Professional course for teachers or prospective teachers

Grading: Offered for satisfactory/unsatisfactory grade only.

Formerly known as: Slavic 301

SLAVIC 375B Teaching Methods of Reading and Composition 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Spring 2025, Fall 2024
Course on practical teaching methods, grading, testing, and design of supplementary course materials. Required of all graduate student instructors in Slavic. Course to be repeated for credit each semester of employment as a graduate student instructor.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Graduate student standing and teaching appointment in the Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit with instructor consent.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 0 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Slavic Languages and Literatures/Professional course for teachers or prospective teachers

Grading: Offered for satisfactory/unsatisfactory grade only.

Formerly known as: Slavic 301

SLAVIC 601 Individual Study for Master's Students 2 - 8 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Spring 2025, Fall 2024

Individual study for the comprehensive or language requirements in consultation with a field adviser.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit up to a total of 16 units.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 0 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Slavic Languages and Literatures/Graduate examination preparation

Grading: Offered for satisfactory/unsatisfactory grade only.

SLAVIC 602 Individual Study for Doctoral Students 2 - 8 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Spring 2025, Fall 2024

Individual study in consultation with a major field adviser, intended to provide an opportunity for qualified students to prepare themselves for the various examinations required of candidates for the Ph.D.

Rules & Requirements

Credit Restrictions: Course does not satisfy unit or residence requirements for doctoral degree.

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit up to a total of 16 units.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 0 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Slavic Languages and Literatures/Graduate examination preparation

Grading: Offered for satisfactory/unsatisfactory grade only.

Armenian

ARMENI 1A Introductory Armenian 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Fall 2024, Fall 2023

An introduction to Armenian language and culture, aiming to give students basic competence in all four skills and an introduction to traditional and contemporary Armenian culture.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 1A: None. 1B: 1A or equivalent; consent of instructor

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of session per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Armenian/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Eurasian Studies 1A

ARMENI 1B Introductory Armenian 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Spring 2024, Spring 2023 An introduction to Armenian language and culture, aiming to give students basic competence in all four skills and an introduction to traditional and contemporary Armenian culture.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 1A or equivalent; consent of instructor

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of session per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Armenian/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Eurasian Studies 1B

ARMENI 101A Continuing Armenian 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Fall 2024, Fall 2023

The purpose of this course is to further develop students' Armenian proficiency in all four language skills, using discussion, oral presentations, written assignments, and a variety of readings (literature, non-fiction, folklore, newspaper articles, etc.) chosen partly for their cultural significance and partly based on student needs and interests. Emphasis on particular skills (e.g. reading) depending on student needs and interests.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 1A-1B or consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Armenian/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Eurasian Studies 101A

ARMENI 101B Continuing Armenian 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2024, Spring 2023, Spring 2022

The purpose of this course is to further develop students' Armenian proficiency in all four language skills, using discussion, oral presentations, written assignments, and a variety of readings (literature, non-fiction, folklore, newspaper articles, etc.) chosen partly for their cultural significance and partly based on student needs and interests. Emphasis on particular skills (e.g. reading) depending on student needs and interests.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 2A-2B or consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Armenian/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Eurasian Studies 101B

ARMENI 102 Advanced Readings in Specialized Armenian 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Spring 2020, Spring 2017 Selected readings in Armenian drawn from a wide range of texts—literature, history, journalism, politics, law, science and technology, business and economics, etc.—tailored to the academic interests of students enrolled.

The course is designed to further develop students' language skills and to link language competence to the study of the contemporary politics, culture, and society in Armenia and the Armenian diaspora.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Armenian 101A and 101B or demonstrated advanced competence in Armenian

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Armenian/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

ARMENI 124 Armenian Literature in Social Context 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2024, Spring 2022, Spring 2020
This course covers selected works and topics in Armenian literature treated in a broad socio-cultural context. In addition to introducing students to some of the Armenian literary masterpieces, the course offers a lens through which to view the socio-political issues and historical legacies that shape Armenian culture and identity, in Armenia and in diaspora, in today's globalized world. Lectures, readings and discussions in English. No knowledge of Armenian language is required (students with knowledge of Armenian read in the original).

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Armenian/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

ARMENI 126 Armenian Culture and Film 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2023, Spring 2021, Spring 2019
This course examines issues in Armenian culture (folklore, literature, architecture, visual arts, and film), with particular attention to Armenian cultural identity and socio-political movements in today's Armenia and in diaspora. Lectures, readings and discussions in English. No knowledge of Armenian language is required (students with knowledge of Armenian read in the original).

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Armenian/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

ARMENI 128 Arts and Culture in Armenia and the Diaspora Since 1991 3 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2025 8 Week Session, Summer 2024 8 Week Session, Summer 2023 8 Week Session

An overview of the literature, visual arts, and social thought produced in Armenia and its transnational diaspora since the collapse of the Soviet Union and the establishment of Armenia's independence in 1991. The course examines contemporary developments in the arts in the context of the major socio-political changes of the period.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Summer: 8 weeks - 6 hours of web-based lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Armenian/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

Instructor: Douzjian

Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian BOSCRSR 27A Introductory Bosnian/ Croatian/Serbian 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Fall 2024, Fall 2023 Beginner's course. Sequence beginning Fall semester.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 27A is prerequisite to 27B

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

BOSCRSR 27B Introductory Bosnian/ Croatian/Serbian 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Spring 2024, Spring 2023 Beginner's course. Sequence beginning Fall semester.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 27A is prerequisite to 27B

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

BOSCRSR 117A Continuing Bosnian/ Croatian/Serbian 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Fall 2024, Fall 2023

Sequence begins fall semester. Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 27B is prerequisite to 117A; 117A is prerequisite to 117B

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Instructor: Alexander

Formerly known as: Slavic Languages and Literatures 117A

BOSCRSR 117B Continuing Bosnian/ Croatian/Serbian 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Spring 2024, Spring 2023

Sequence begins fall semester. Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 27B is prerequisite to 117A; 117A is prerequisite to 117B

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Instructor: Alexander

Formerly known as: Slavic Languages and Literatures 117B

Bulgarian

BULGARI 28A Introductory Bulgarian 5 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

Sequence begins in the fall. Practical instruction in the Bulgarian language with a focus on integrated skills (reading, grammar,

conversation). Course offered as staffing permits.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 28A is prerequisite for 28B; or consent of instructor

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Bulgarian/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Slavic Languages and Literatures 28A

BULGARI 28B Introductory Bulgarian 5 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

Sequence begins in the fall. Practical instruction in the Bulgarian language with a focus on integrated skills (reading, grammar, conversation). Course offered as staffing permits.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Bulgarian/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Slavic Languages and Literatures 28B

BULGARI 118A Continuing Bulgarian 4 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

This course consists of a review of Bulgarian grammar covered in 28A-28B, a thorough presentation of the complex verbal tense-mood system and readings in contemporary Bulgarian prose.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 28B is prerequisite to 118A, 118A is prerequisite to 118B;

or consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Bulgarian/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Instructor: Alexander

BULGARI 118B Continuing Bulgarian 4 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

This course is a continuation of 118A. It also introduces the question of the relation between Bulgarian and Macedonian and readings in Bulgarian belletristic poetry and prose.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 28B is prerequisite to 118A; 118A is prerequisite to 118B;

consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Bulgarian/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Instructor: Alexander

Formerly known as: Slavic Languages and Literatures 118B

Czech

CZECH 26A Introductory Czech 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2021, Fall 2020, Fall 2019 Beginner's course. Sequence beginning fall.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 26A is prerequisite to 26B

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Czech/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Instructor: Langer

CZECH 26B Introductory Czech 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2022, Spring 2021, Spring 2020

Beginner's course. Sequence beginning fall.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 26A is prerequisite to 26B

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Czech/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Instructor: Langer

CZECH 116A Continuing Czech 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2021, Fall 2020, Fall 2019

Sequence begins fall semester.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 26B is prerequisite to 116A; 116A is prerequisite to 116B

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Czech/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Instructor: Langer

Formerly known as: Slavic Languages and Literatures 116A

CZECH 116B Continuing Czech 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2022, Spring 2021, Spring 2020

Sequence begins fall semester.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 26B is prerequisite to 116A; 116A is prerequisite to 116B

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Czech/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Instructor: Langer

CZECH 163 Advanced Reading Tutorials in Czech 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2017

Selected readings in Czech drawn from a wide range of texts—literature, history, science, media and journalism, politics, business and economics, etc.—tailored to the academic interests and language proficiency of students enrolled.

The course is designed to further develop students' language skills and to link language competence to the study of the contemporary politics, culture, and society in the Czech Republic and, more broadly, Eastern Europe.

The course is taught in a small group setting. The course requires considerable independent reading at home.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Czech 116A and 116B or demonstrated advanced competence in Czech

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Czech/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

Hungarian

HUNGARI 1A Introductory Hungarian 3 or 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Fall 2024, Fall 2023

Practical instruction in the Hungarian language. The course can be taken for either 3 or 4 units; the additional unit involves additional assignments.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 1A is prerequisite to 1B; consent of instructor

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3-3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Hungarian/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

Formerly known as: East European Studies 1A

HUNGARI 1B Introductory Hungarian 3 or 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Spring 2024, Spring 2023

Practical instruction in the Hungarian language. The course can be taken for either 3 or 4 units; the additional unit involves language work and additional written reading assignments.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 1A is prerequisite to 1B; consent of instructor

Credit Restrictions: Students who have taken 5 units of 10A will receive no credit for 1A. Students who have taken 10 units of 10A will receive no credit for 1B.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3-3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Hungarian/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

Formerly known as: East European Studies 1B

HUNGARI 100 Readings in Hungarian 2 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Spring 2025, Fall 2024

The purpose of this course is to further develop the student's language proficiency in reading, speaking and writing by using interpersonal, interpretive, and presentational communicative modes. Exploration of fascinating aspects of Hungarian culture including elements of literature, contemporary and historical events, pop-culture, and folklore. Students will be able to influence topic selections according to their personal goals and interests.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Hungarian 1A and 1B or consent of instructor, based on in-person assessment

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Hungarian/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

Formerly known as: East European Studies 100

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Polish

POLISH 25A Introductory Polish 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Fall 2024, Fall 2023 Beginner's course. Sequence beginning fall.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 25A is prerequisite to 25B

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Polish/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

POLISH 25B Introductory Polish 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Spring 2024, Spring 2023

Beginner's course. Sequence beginning fall.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 25A is prerequisite to 25B

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Polish/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

POLISH 115A Continuing Polish 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Fall 2024, Fall 2023

Sequence begins fall semester.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 25B is prerequisite to 115A; 115A is prerequisite to 115B

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Polish/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Instructor: Frick

Formerly known as: Slavic Languages and Literatures 115A

POLISH 115B Continuing Polish 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2024, Spring 2021, Spring 2020

Sequence begins fall semester.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 25B is prerequisite to 115A; 115A is prerequisite to 115B

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Polish/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Instructor: Frick

Formerly known as: Slavic Languages and Literatures 115B

Russian

RUSSIAN 1 Elementary Russian 5 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Spring 2025, Fall 2024

Beginner's course.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 5 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 8 weeks - 9.5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Russian/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Slavic Languages and Literatures 1

RUSSIAN 2 Elementary Russian 5 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Spring 2025, Fall 2024

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Russian 1 or equivalent

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Russian/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

RUSSIAN 3 Intermediate Russian 5 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Spring 2025, Fall 2024

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Russian 2 or equivalent

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Russian/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Slavic Languages and Literatures 3

RUSSIAN 4 Intermediate Russian 5 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Spring 2025, Fall 2024

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Russian 3 or equivalent

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Russian/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Slavic Languages and Literatures 4

RUSSIAN 6A Introductory Russian for Heritage Speakers 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Fall 2024, Fall 2023

The course is aimed at "heritage speakers" of Russian, i.e., those who grew up speaking Russian in the family without a full Russian educational and cultural background. These courses are designed for students who have speaking and comprehension ability in Russian but have minimum exposure to writing and reading. This course teaches basic skills of writing, reading, and grammar. 6A focuses on basic writing and reading ability. 6B introduces further knowledge of grammar and syntax and develops writing skills. Both 6A and 6B include reading and cultural material. (Students with advanced reading proficiency should consider Slavic 114 or Slavic 190.)

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Basic proficiency in Russian; placement test and consent

of instructor

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Russian/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Slavic Languages and Literatures 6A

RUSSIAN 6B Introductory Russian for Heritage Speakers 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Spring 2024, Spring 2023
The course is aimed at "heritage speakers" of Russian, i.e., those who grew up speaking Russian in the family without a full Russian educational and cultural background. These courses are designed for students who have speaking and comprehension ability in Russian but have minimum exposure to writing and reading. This course teaches basic skills of writing, reading, and grammar. 6A focuses on basic writing and reading ability. 6B introduces further knowledge of grammar and syntax and develops writing skills. Both 6A and 6B include reading and cultural material. (Students with advanced reading proficiency should consider Slavic 114 or Slavic 190.)

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Basic proficiency in Russian; placement test and consent

of instructor

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Russian/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Slavic Languages and Literatures 6B

RUSSIAN 10 Elementary Intensive Russian 10 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

This summer session course is equivalent to the first year of Russian language instruction offered at Berkeley. An intensive program designed to develop students' comprehension and conversation skills while presenting the basic grammar of modern, standard Russian. Lectures and films on Russian culture will be arranged.

Hours & Format

Summer: 10 weeks - 20 hours of lecture and 2 hours of laboratory per

week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Russian/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

RUSSIAN 20 Intermediate Intensive Russian 10 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

This summer session course is equivalent to the second year of Russian language instruction at Berkeley. An intensive program designed to consolidate command of basic grammar and further develop comprehension, speaking, reading and writing skills.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: First year Russian

Hours & Format

Summer: 10 weeks - 20 hours of lecture and 2 hours of laboratory per

week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Russian/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

Formerly known as: Slavic Languages and Literatures 20

RUSSIAN 101 Advanced Russian Phonetics and Oral Performance 1 - 3 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

Aimed at both undergraduate and graduate students, this course helps students to improve their pronunciation, bringing it closer to the native level. The course teaches a whole spectrum of oral speech performance, including phonetics, intonation, and rhetoric, taking into account different functional styles. Course may be taken for 1 unit (5 weeks: basic skills), 2 units (10 weeks: advanced skills) or 3 units (15 weeks: advanced phonetics and performance).

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Russian 4 or equivalent

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2-3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Russian/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Slavic Languages and Literatures 101

RUSSIAN 102 Readings in Specialized Russian 3 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

Selected readings in scholarly (scientific and technical), journalistic, and business styles to acquaint the student with the peculiarities of vocabulary, grammar, and phraseology.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Russian 4 or equivalent

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit up to a total of 6 units.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Russian/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Slavic Languages and Literatures 102

RUSSIAN 103A Advanced Russian 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Fall 2024, Fall 2023

Course covers three main aspects of advanced Russian: grammar, syntax, and reading. Grammar is reviewed. Course taught in Russian.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Russian 4 or equivalent

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit with instructor consent.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Russian/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

RUSSIAN 103B Advanced Russian 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Spring 2022, Spring 2020 Course covers three main aspects of advanced Russian: grammar, syntax, and reading. Grammar is reviewed. Course taught in Russian.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Russian 103A, Russian 4, or equivalent

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit with instructor consent.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Russian/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

RUSSIAN 105A Advanced Russian/English/ Russian Translation 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2021

Advanced training in both oral and written translation skills covering various areas of politics, business, technology, law, science, and culture. Elements of literary and poetic translation.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Russian 1, 2, 3 and 4 or equivalent, or consent of

instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3-3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Russian/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Instructor: Muza

Formerly known as: Slavic Languages and Literatures 105A

RUSSIAN 105B Advanced Russian/English/ Russian Translation 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2016

Advanced training in both oral and written translation skills covering various areas of politics, business, technology, law, science, and culture. Elements of literary and poetic translation.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Russian 1, 2, 3 and 4, or equivalent, or consent of

instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3-3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Russian/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Instructor: Muza

Formerly known as: Slavic Languages and Literatures 105B

RUSSIAN 106A Advanced Russian for Heritage Speakers 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2021, Spring 2020, Spring 2019
The course is aimed at "heritage speakers" of Russian, i.e., those who grew up speaking Russian in the family without a standard Russian educational background. The advanced course aims at building a sophisticated vocabulary, developing advanced reading ability, formal knowledge of grammar, and complete writing competency. This course fosters student's knowledge and understanding of Russian culture and society today. (Students with no or rudimentary reading proficiency should consider 6A or 6B by consent of instructor.)

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Advanced speaking and reading proficiency in Russian, placement test, and consent of instructor

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Russian/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Instructor: Muza

Formerly known as: Slavic Languages and Literatures 106A

RUSSIAN 106B Advanced Russian for Heritage Speakers 3 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

The course is aimed at "heritage speakers" of Russian, i.e., those who grew up speaking Russian in the family without a standard Russian educational background. The advanced course aims at building a sophisticated vocabulary, developing advanced reading ability, formal knowledge of grammar, and complete writing competency. This course fosters student's knowledge and understanding of Russian culture and society today. (Students with no or rudimentary reading proficiency should consider 6A or 6B by consent of instructor.)

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Advanced speaking and reading proficiency in Russian; placement test, and consent of instructor

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Russian/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Instructor: Muza

RUSSIAN 109 Business Russian 3 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

This course is designed for students with a good command of basic Russian who would like to gain the vocabulary of business transactions in Russian to be able to establish actual contacts with Russian businesspeople, to participate in business negotiations, to compile business contracts in Russian, and to read Russian business magazines and newspapers. Elements of the business law of Russia will also be discussed.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Russian 103B or equivalent; consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Russian/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Slavic Languages and Literatures 109

RUSSIAN 120A Advanced Russian Conversation and Communication 2 - 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2023, Spring 2018, Fall 2016
Aimed at fostering advanced conversation and communication skills, this course explores Russian culture through communication. Contains reading, films, vocabulary building, listening exercises, and speaking activities. The course can be taken for two or three credits; for two credits, attendance is required for two classes per week; for three credits, three classes per week.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Russian 4 or equivalent

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2-3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Russian/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Slavic Languages and Literatures 120A

RUSSIAN 120B Advanced Russian Conversation and Communication 2 - 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Spring 2024, Spring 2017
Aimed at fostering advanced conversation and communication skills, this course explores Russian culture through communication. Contains reading, films, vocabulary building, listening exercises, and speaking activities. The course can be taken for two or three credits; for two credits, attendance is required for two classes per week; for three credits, three classes per week.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Russian 4 or equivalent

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2-3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Russian/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Slavic Languages and Literatures 120B

RUSSIAN 201 Advanced Russian Proficiency Maintenance 2 - 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2016, Fall 2015

Advanced work in speaking, writing and comprehension in order to develop and maintain superior proficiency. Discussions and readings will focus on current cultural and political trends and other topics pertaining to Slavic studies. Special attention to the details of contemporary life in Russia and its changing colloquial speech. Conducted in Russian.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Graduate standing; Russian 103B or equivalent; consent

of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2-3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Russian/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

RUSSIAN 202 Advanced Academic Russian 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Fall 2024, Fall 2023

Advanced work in reading, speaking and comprehension for graduate student, aimed at developing and maintaining superior proficiency and competence in academic Russian. Readings and discussions focus on current linguistic and cultural trends. Special attention to contemporary life in Russia, its changing cultural norms and speech, viewed in a broad historical context. The course is conducted in Russian.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Advanced competence in Russian, graduate standing; or

consent of Instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Russian/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

RUSSIAN 204 Russian Composition and Style 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Spring 2023, Spring 2021

Essay-writing, analysis of texts, oral and written reports, and translation.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Russian 103B

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Russian/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.