

Russian Culture

Minor

The Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures offers a minor in Russian Culture. Students desiring to major with an emphasis in Russian language, literature, or culture should see the requirements for the major track in Russian/East European/Eurasian Cultures offered under the Slavic Languages and Literatures major (<https://guide.berkeley.edu/archive/2024-25/undergraduate/degree-programs/slavic-languages-literatures/>).

Heritage Speakers of Russian

Heritage speakers include those who grew up in Russian-speaking families but are without a standard Russian language educational background. Heritage speakers may select any major or minor track offered by the department except the minor in Russian Language. The unit requirements are the same for all majors and minors. However, the balance between courses approved for and taken in language and literature/culture may change depending on each student's language proficiency. The choice of specific courses in language and literature/culture for any respective major or minor track will be determined on an individual basis by the language coordinator, Oksana Willis: oksana.willis@berkeley.edu. Before enrolling in language courses and declaring a major or minor, heritage speakers are required to take a proficiency/placement test.

Declaring the Minor

Students considering a minor track involving language requirements must see the undergraduate student services adviser early on to have to have their minor study list plan reviewed and approved; referral for language proficiency screening and placement for heritage or native speakers is required. Final approval for a minor rests with the major adviser. The paperwork for the minor, called an L&S Confirmation of Minor form, is completed with the undergraduate student services adviser no later than the semester before the student's Expected Graduation Term (EGT).

Other Minors offered by the Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures

Armenian Studies (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/undergraduate/degree-programs/armenian-studies/>) (Minor only)

East European/Eurasian Languages and/or Cultures (<https://guide.berkeley.edu/archive/2024-25/undergraduate/degree-programs/czech-polish-bosnian-croatian-serbian-language-literature/>) (Minor Only)

Russian Language (<https://guide.berkeley.edu/archive/2024-25/undergraduate/degree-programs/russian-language/>) (Minor only)

Russian Literature (<https://guide.berkeley.edu/archive/2024-25/undergraduate/degree-programs/russian-literature/>) (Minor only)

Slavic Languages and Literatures (<https://guide.berkeley.edu/archive/2024-25/undergraduate/degree-programs/slavic-languages-literatures/>) (Major only)

Students who have a strong interest in an area of study outside their major often decide to complete a minor program. These programs have set requirements.

General Guidelines

1. All minors must be declared before the first day of classes in your Expected Graduation Term (EGT). For summer graduates, minors must be declared prior to the first day of Summer Session A.
2. All upper-division courses must be taken for a letter grade.
3. A minimum of three of the upper-division courses taken to fulfill the minor requirements must be completed at UC Berkeley.
4. A minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 is required in the upper-division courses to fulfill the minor requirements.
5. Courses used to fulfill the minor requirements may be applied toward the Seven-Course Breadth requirement, for Letters & Science students.
6. No more than one upper division course may be used to simultaneously fulfill requirements for a student's major and minor programs.
7. All minor requirements must be completed prior to the last day of finals during the semester in which the student plans to graduate. If students cannot finish all courses required for the minor by that time, they should see a College of Letters & Science adviser.
8. All minor requirements must be completed within the unit ceiling. (For further information regarding the unit ceiling, please see the College Requirements tab.)

Requirements

Lower Division Prerequisites ¹

RUSSIAN 1	Elementary Russian	5
RUSSIAN 2	Elementary Russian	5
RUSSIAN 3	Intermediate Russian	5
RUSSIAN 4	Intermediate Russian	5

Upper Division Requirements

Select five upper division courses in Russian language and/or Russian and other Slavic literatures and cultures ²

RUSSIAN 103A	Advanced Russian	4
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SLAVIC 133	The Novel in Russia and the West	4
SLAVIC 134A	Gogol	4
SLAVIC 134C	Dostoevsky	4
SLAVIC 134D	Tolstoy	4
SLAVIC 134E	Chekhov	4
SLAVIC 134F	Nabokov	4
SLAVIC 134G	Tolstoy and Dostoevsky	4
SLAVIC C134N	Russia and Asia	4
SLAVIC C137	Introduction to Slavic Linguistics	4

SLAVIC 138	Topics in Russian and Soviet Film	4
SLAVIC 139	Post-Soviet Cultures	4
SLAVIC 147A	East Slavic Folklore	3
SLAVIC 148AC	Cultures of Captivity: Prison Literature in the U.S. and Russia	3
SLAVIC 181	Readings in Russian Literature	4
SLAVIC 182	Pushkin	4
SLAVIC 188	Russian Prose	4
SLAVIC 190	Russian Culture Taught in Russian: Country, Identity, and Language	4
SLAVIC 191	Russian Culture and Language in the Contemporary World	4

¹ Russian heritage speakers should see the language placement approval instructions (<http://slavic.berkeley.edu/courses-2/language-placement/>).

² These courses may be chosen in any combination by the student, in consultation with the major adviser. A course from another related department may be substituted with approval of the major adviser.

The department provides programmatic and individual advising services to prospective and current students who are pursuing major and minor tracks. Advisers assist with a range of issues including course selection, academic decision-making, achieving personal and academic goals, and maximizing the Berkeley experience.

Students who are looking to explore their options or are ready to declare a major, double major, or minor should contact the undergraduate student services adviser.

Advising Staff and Hours

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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.

Formerly known as: Slavic Languages and Literatures 2

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.

Formerly known as: Slavic Languages and Literatures 10

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

Formerly known as: Slavic Languages and Literatures 106B

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

Slavic Languages and Literatures

SLAVIC R5A Reading and Composition 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Spring 2025, Fall 2024

Reading and composition course based on works of Russian and other Slavic writers, either written in English or translated into English. As students develop strategies of writing and interpretation, they will become acquainted with a particular theme in Russian and/or Slavic literatures and their major voices. R5A satisfies the first half of the Reading and Composition requirement, and R5B satisfies the second half.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Satisfaction of the Entry Level Writing Requirement

Requirements this course satisfies: Satisfies the first half of the Reading and Composition requirement

Hours & Format

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

Summer: 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Slavic Languages and Literatures/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Final exam not required.

SLAVIC R5B Reading and Composition 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Summer 2025 Second 6 Week Session, Spring 2025

Reading and composition course based on works of Russian and other Slavic writers, either written in English or translated into English. As students develop strategies of writing and interpretation, they will become acquainted with a particular theme in Russian and/or Slavic literatures and their major voices. R5A satisfies the first half of the Reading and Composition requirement, and R5B satisfies the second half.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Previously passed an R_A course with a letter grade of C- or better. Previously passed an articulated R_A course with a letter grade of C- or better. Score a 4 on the Advanced Placement Exam in English Literature. Score a 4 or 5 on the Advanced Placement Exam in English Language and Composition. Score of 5, 6, or 7 on the International Baccalaureate Higher Level Examination in English

Requirements this course satisfies: Satisfies the second half of the Reading and Composition requirement

Hours & Format

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

Summer:

6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week

8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Slavic Languages and Literatures/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Final exam not required.

SLAVIC 24 Freshman Seminar 1 Unit

Terms offered: Spring 2021, Fall 2019, Spring 2019

The Freshman Seminar Program has been designed to provide new students with the opportunity to explore an intellectual topic with a faculty member in a small-seminar setting. Freshman seminars are offered in all campus departments, and topics vary from department to department and semester to semester. Enrollment limited to 15 freshmen.

Rules & Requirements

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

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1 hour of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Slavic Languages and Literatures/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: The grading option will be decided by the instructor when the class is offered. Final Exam To be decided by the instructor when the class is offered.

SLAVIC 36 Great Books of Russian Literature 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2023, Spring 2023, Fall 2014

Readings in English of representative texts from the Russian literary tradition. Variable topics.

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: Slavic Languages and Literatures/Undergraduate

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

Formerly known as: 39

SLAVIC 39 Freshman/Sophomore Seminar 2 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2022, Fall 2021, Spring 2021

Freshman and Sophomore seminars offer lower-division students the opportunity to explore an intellectual topic with a faculty member and a group of peers in a small-seminar setting. These seminars are offered in all campus departments; topics vary from department to department and from semester to semester.

Rules & Requirements

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

Hours & Format

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

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Slavic Languages and Literatures/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final Exam To be decided by the instructor when the class is offered.

SLAVIC 39C Freshman/Sophomore Seminar 2 - 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2015, Spring 2015, Fall 2012

Freshman and Sophomore seminars offer lower-division students the opportunity to explore an intellectual topic with a faculty member and a group of peers in a small-seminar setting. These seminars are offered in all campus departments; topics vary from department to department and from semester to semester. Enrollment limits are set by the faculty, but the suggested limit is 25.

Rules & Requirements

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/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: The grading option will be decided by the instructor when the class is offered. Final Exam To be decided by the instructor when the class is offered.

SLAVIC 39E Freshman/Sophomore Seminar 2 - 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2010, Spring 2004, Spring 2001

Freshman and Sophomore seminars offer lower-division students the opportunity to explore an intellectual topic with a faculty member and a group of peers in a small-seminar setting. These seminars are offered in all campus departments; topics vary from department to department and from semester to semester. Enrollment limits are set by the faculty, but the suggested limit is 25.

Rules & Requirements

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/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: The grading option will be decided by the instructor when the class is offered. Final exam required.

SLAVIC 39L Freshman/Sophomore Seminar 2 - 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2016, Fall 2009

Freshman and Sophomore seminars offer lower-division students the opportunity to explore an intellectual topic with a faculty member and a group of peers in a small-seminar setting. These seminars are offered in all campus departments; topics vary from department to department and from semester to semester. Enrollment limits are set by the faculty, but the suggested limit is 25.

Rules & Requirements

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

Hours & Format

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

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Slavic Languages and Literatures/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: The grading option will be decided by the instructor when the class is offered. Final exam required.

SLAVIC 39M Freshman/Sophomore Seminar 2 - 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2012, Spring 2012

Freshman and Sophomore seminars offer lower-division students the opportunity to explore an intellectual topic with a faculty member and a group of peers in a small-seminar setting. These seminars are offered in all campus departments; topics vary from department to department and from semester to semester. Enrollment limits are set by the faculty, but the suggested limit is 25.

Rules & Requirements

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

Hours & Format

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

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Slavic Languages and Literatures/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: The grading option will be decided by the instructor when the class is offered. Final exam required.

SLAVIC 39N Freshman/Sophomore Seminar 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2023, Fall 2022, Spring 2022

Freshman and Sophomore seminars offer lower-division students the opportunity to explore an intellectual topic with a faculty member and a group of peers in a small-seminar setting. These seminars are offered in all campus departments; topics vary from department to department and from semester to semester. Enrollment limits are set by the faculty, but the suggested limit is 25.

Rules & Requirements

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/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final Exam To be decided by the instructor when the class is offered.

SLAVIC 45 Nineteenth-Century Russian Literature 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Fall 2024, Fall 2023

Nineteenth-century Russian literature, including Pushkin, Lermontov, Gogol, Turgenev, Tolstoy, Dostoevsky, Chekhov.

The class is taught in English, on the basis of English translations; students with knowledge of Russian are encouraged to do at least some of the reading in the original.

Hours & Format

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

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Slavic Languages and Literatures/Undergraduate

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

SLAVIC 46 Twentieth-Century Russian Literature 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Spring 2024, Spring 2023

Russian, Soviet and post-Soviet literature from the 1900 to the present viewed in a socio-cultural and political context.

The class is taught in English, on the basis of English translations; students with knowledge of Russian are encouraged to do at least some of the reading in the original.

Hours & Format

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

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Slavic Languages and Literatures/Undergraduate

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

SLAVIC 49AC Children's Literature in the Context of American Cultures 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Spring 2024, Spring 2023

Books written for children emerge from specific and complicated social and historical contexts, as do the children (and adults) who read these books. In recent years, the world of children's books has been rocked by productive debates about the kinds of stories told and the identities of the voices telling those stories. In this class, we will read a wide assortment of books written (both long ago and very recently) for children, with particular attention paid to books addressing the experiences of Native, Latinx and African American children in the United States. We will also read scholarly, critical, and theoretical articles as we engage with our texts. Assessment will be based on class participation, written papers, and exams.

Hours & Format

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

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Slavic Languages and Literatures/Undergraduate

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

Instructor: Nesbet

SLAVIC 50 Introduction to Russian/East European/Eurasian Cultures 3 Units

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

This course introduces students to the cultures of the peoples of the former Soviet bloc (Russia and other areas of the former Soviet Union, including Central Asia and the Caucasus, and Eastern Europe), from early times to the present, with the emphasis on cultural identity. Readings in history, fiction, folklore, viewing of films, and art. Thematic units include formation of the Russian civilization, Slavic nationalism in the Romantic era, empire and identity in Eastern/Central Europe; Soviet and post-Soviet daily life, Jews in Slavic lands, the former Yugoslavia; multi ethnic lands. Required of majors in Russian/East European/Eurasian cultures, the course is also aimed at a broad audience. Knowledge of the areas' languages not required.

Hours & Format

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

Summer: 8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Slavic Languages and Literatures/Undergraduate

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

SLAVIC 98 Directed Group Study 1 - 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Fall 2019, Spring 2018

Group study of selected topics not covered by regularly scheduled courses.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Freshman or sophomore standing

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

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1-4 hours of directed group study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Slavic Languages and Literatures/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

SLAVIC 99 Individual Study 1 - 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2018, Fall 2017, Spring 2017

Supervised independent study for lower division students with a minimum 3.0 GPA.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 3.0 GPA

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

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1-4 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Slavic Languages and Literatures/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

SLAVIC 100 Seminar: Russian, East European, and Eurasian Cultures 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Fall 2024, Fall 2023

An overview of various aspects of cultural history, literature, language, and society of Russia, the former Soviet Union, and Eastern Europe.

Variable topics. Course readings include primary texts (literature, film, popular culture, journalism) and scholarly studies. Course work emphasizes students' research. Final research paper or project required.

Hours & Format

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

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Slavic Languages and Literatures/Undergraduate

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

SLAVIC 100L Advanced Readings in Russian, East European and Eurasian Languages 1 Unit

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Spring 2025, Spring 2019

Additional readings in the original language to be coordinated with an appropriate upper division lecture course with readings in English offered by the Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures. This includes all courses in the Slavic 130, 140, 150, 160, and 170 and Armenian 120 series. Supervised by the instructor of the lecture course in which the student is also enrolled. Attend lectures and do all assigned written work in the main lecture course and also perform additional work by reading all or some of the primary texts in the original language.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Consent of instructor. Knowledge of an appropriate Slavic, East European or Eurasian language with approval of the instructor. Concurrent enrollment in an upper-division class in the Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit up to a total of 1 time.

Hours & Format

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

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Slavic Languages and Literatures/Undergraduate

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

SLAVIC 100R Research in Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies 1 Unit

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Fall 2018, Spring 2018

Special research project to be coordinated with an appropriate upper division lecture course offered by the Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures. (This includes courses in the Slavic 130, 140, 150, 160, and 170 series and Armenian 120 series). Supervised by the instructor of the lecture course in which the student is also enrolled. Students attend lectures and do all assigned written work in the main lecture course and also perform additional research.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Consent of instructor. Concurrent enrollment in an upper-division class in the Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit up to a total of 1 time.

Hours & Format

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

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Slavic Languages and Literatures/Undergraduate

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

SLAVIC 130 The Culture of Medieval Rus' 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2012, Spring 2010, Spring 2007

Introduction to the cultures of East Slavic peoples in the Middle Ages, including history, mythology, Christian religious culture, literature (writing), icon painting, and architecture.

Hours & Format

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

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Slavic Languages and Literatures/Undergraduate

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

Instructor: Zhivov

SLAVIC 131 Literature, Art, and Society in 20th-Century Russia 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Fall 2023, Fall 2018

A lecture course examining Russian literature and culture in the 20th century. The course will focus on the interaction of literature, other artistic forms (painting, photography, or film), and broader social and ideological changes in one of the key transitional periods of the 20th century.

Periods to be examined include the transition to Communism in the post-revolutionary 20s and the retreat from Communism (the perestroika 80s and the post-Communist 90s). No knowledge of Russian is required.

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: Slavic Languages and Literatures/Undergraduate

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

Instructor: Ram

SLAVIC 132 Dostoevsky, Tolstoy, and the English Novel 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2015, Spring 2012, Spring 2004

A reading of novels by Dostoevsky and Tolstoy along with some relevant English novels. We will look at how the Russian and English novels respond to each other, resemble each other, and differ from each other, especially in their treatment of childhood, family, love, social theory, spirituality, and narrative.

Hours & Format

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

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Slavic Languages and Literatures/Undergraduate

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

SLAVIC 133 The Novel in Russia and the West 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2021, Spring 2020, Fall 2018

Study of major Russian and Western (European and American) 19th- and 20th-century novels, and their interrelations. Variable reading list. See Department announcement for description.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit up to a total of 8 units.

Hours & Format

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

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Slavic Languages and Literatures/Undergraduate

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

SLAVIC 134A Gogol 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2022, Fall 2013, Fall 2009

Gogol's fiction and plays, treated in relation to his life and to developments in Russian and European literature. Extensive outside reading required for this course.

Hours & Format

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

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Slavic Languages and Literatures/Undergraduate

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

SLAVIC 134C Dostoevsky 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Fall 2023, Fall 2022

A survey of the writer's principal artistic works, treated in relation to his life and to developments in Russian and European literature. Extensive outside reading required for this course.

Hours & Format

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

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Slavic Languages and Literatures/Undergraduate

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

SLAVIC 134D Tolstoy 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2024, Spring 2023, Fall 2020

A survey of the writer's principal artistic works, treated in relation to his life and to developments in Russian and European literature. Extensive outside reading required for this course.

Hours & Format

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

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Slavic Languages and Literatures/Undergraduate

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

SLAVIC 134E Chekhov 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2024, Fall 2023, Spring 2021

Studies in the innovative master of modern narrative forms: short story, drama, letter. Extensive exposure to the life and times of Anton Chekhov. Practice in critical approaches to literature and theater. Writing-intensive course.

Hours & Format

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

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Slavic Languages and Literatures/Undergraduate

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

SLAVIC 134F Nabokov 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2024, Spring 2023, Spring 2022

A thorough examination of Nabokov's work as a novelist, critic, and memoirist. Explores Nabokov's fiction from his European and American periods, his (imagined) relation to literary predecessors, and his construct of an authorial self. Extensive outside reading required for this course.

Hours & Format

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

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Slavic Languages and Literatures/Undergraduate

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

SLAVIC 134G Tolstoy and Dostoevsky 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2020, Spring 2019, Spring 2014

A reading of major works by Tolstoy and Dostoevsky in the context of Russian and European philosophy and religious thought. Extensive outside reading required. Variable content.

Rules & Requirements

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/Undergraduate

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

SLAVIC 134N Studies in Russian Literature 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2018, Fall 2015, Fall 2010

Special topics in Russian literature and its international context. Variable subject matter; see Department announcement for description. Extensive outside reading required for this course.

Rules & Requirements

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/Undergraduate

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

SLAVIC C134N Russia and Asia 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Spring 2023, Spring 2020

This course offers a cultural history of encounters between Russia and Asia in literature, film and visual art. The lenses of Orientalism, Eurasianism and Internationalism will be used to analyze Russian interactions with three spaces: the Caucasus, Central Asia, and East Asia. We will discuss works by classic Russian writers and artists (including Tolstoy, Blok and Platonov) that address the question of Russia's engagement with Asia and consider Russia's ambiguous spatial identity between Europe and Asia. We will also examine responses to Russian culture and the Russian/Soviet state in the literature and culture of China (Lu Xun, Xiao Hong), Japan (Kurosawa), Central Asia (Aitmatov) and the Caucasus (Sadulaev). All readings in English.

Hours & Format

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

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Slavic Languages and Literatures/Undergraduate

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

Also listed as: EA LANG C134

SLAVIC C137 Introduction to Slavic Linguistics 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Spring 2023, Spring 2021

An introduction to best practices in applying linguistic analysis to Slavic languages. Development of critical thinking and analytical skills.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: A year or more of a Slavic language or consent of instructor

Credit Restrictions: Students will receive no credit for Slavic Languages and Literatures C137/Linguistics C137 after taking Slavic Languages and Literatures 137; a deficient grade in Slavic Languages and Literatures 137 may be removed by taking Slavic Languages and Literatures C137/Linguistics C137.

Hours & Format

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

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Slavic Languages and Literatures/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: The grading option will be decided by the instructor when the class is offered. Final exam required.

Instructor: Kavitskaya

Also listed as: LINGUIS C137

SLAVIC 138 Topics in Russian and Soviet Film 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Spring 2022, Spring 2018

This course will examine the Russian contribution to film history and theory, with particular attention paid to the role of the cinema in Soviet culture and Russian films complex ties to literary and political movements. Variable topics.

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 and 2 hours of laboratory per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Slavic Languages and Literatures/Undergraduate

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

Instructor: Nesbet

SLAVIC 139 Post-Soviet Cultures 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2024, Fall 2021, Fall 2019

This course explores the literary and visual culture that emerged in post-Soviet societies following the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991. Students will learn how literature and cinema transformed during a period of dramatic and even traumatic change, in the context of intense debates over national identity, the relationship to the socialist past, and the inter-relations of art, politics and commerce. While our focus will be on the literature, cinema and popular culture of post-Soviet Russia, we will also consider texts and films produced in other post-Soviet spaces: Ukraine, Armenia, and Central Asia.

Hours & Format

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

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Slavic Languages and Literatures/Undergraduate

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

SLAVIC C139 Language Spread 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2013, Spring 2010, Spring 2006

Linguistic background and the general principles of language spread. Mechanisms of language spread, including creolization-decreolization, language planning, and the role of bilingualism. Case studies in language spread, including Austronesian, Indo-European, Amerindian, Uralic, African, Sinitic, and Australian languages. Relationship of language spread to immigration and culture spreads.

Hours & Format

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

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Slavic Languages and Literatures/Undergraduate

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

Also listed as: LINGUIS C139

SLAVIC 140 The Performing Arts in Russia and Eastern Europe 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2010, Fall 2009, Fall 2008

The course will examine the Russian and East European contribution to the practice and theory of the performing arts, especially (but not exclusively) theater. The course emphasizes the involvement of the performing arts in the social and cultural fabric.

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: Slavic Languages and Literatures/Undergraduate

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

SLAVIC 147A East Slavic Folklore 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Spring 2024, Fall 2021

Folktales, epic songs, customs, and beliefs of Russians and Ukrainians.

Rules & Requirements

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

Summer: 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Slavic Languages and Literatures/Undergraduate

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

Instructor: Alexander

SLAVIC 147B Balkan Folklore 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2024, Spring 2019, Fall 2016

Folktales, epic songs, customs, and beliefs of the South Slavs and other Balkan peoples.

Hours & Format

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

Summer: 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Slavic Languages and Literatures/Undergraduate

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

Instructor: Alexander

SLAVIC 148 Topics in Russian Cultural History 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2013, Spring 2011, Spring 2009

This course examines various dimensions of Russian culture--social, political, artistic, literary--in public and private life. The theory and method of cultural studies will be addressed, as well as concrete historical material pertaining to Russia. Topic and period variable. Instruction and texts in English, but students with a working knowledge of Russian are encouraged to do some reading in the original.

Rules & Requirements

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/Undergraduate

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

SLAVIC 148AC Cultures of Captivity: Prison Literature in the U.S. and Russia 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2024, Spring 2024

This course explores narratives of incarceration in the U.S. and Russia, from the nineteenth century to the present day. Our focus will be on prison memoirs by Black, Indigenous, and Asian American writers, alongside works by Russian and Soviet authors.

Hours & Format

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

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Slavic Languages and Literatures/Undergraduate

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

Instructor: Jensen

SLAVIC 150 Polish Literature and Intellectual Trends 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Spring 2023, Fall 2014

A survey of the major writers, works, and trends of the Polish literary tradition from the Middle Ages to the present. Special attention devoted to the Renaissance, the age of Romanticism, and the modern period. No knowledge of Polish required.

Hours & Format

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

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Slavic Languages and Literatures/Undergraduate

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

Instructor: Frick

SLAVIC 151 Readings in Polish Literature 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2022, Spring 2012, Fall 2010

Selected readings in Polish tailored to the academic interests of students enrolled.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 115A

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/Undergraduate

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

Instructor: Frick

SLAVIC 158 Topics in East European/ Eurasian Cultural History 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2023, Fall 2020, Fall 2019

This course examines various dimensions of different East European and Eurasian (Central Asia, the Caucasus, Siberia) cultures (history, society, languages, literature, art). Variable topics. Instruction and readings in English; students with knowledge of the languages of the area are encouraged to do some reading in the original language.

Rules & Requirements

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/Undergraduate

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

SLAVIC 170 Survey of Yugoslav Literatures 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Fall 2022, Spring 2021

Outline of major developments in Serbian (including Montenegrin) and Croatian (including Dalmatian) literatures from the beginnings to the present. No knowledge of Serbian/Croatian required.

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: Slavic Languages and Literatures/Undergraduate

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

SLAVIC 171 Advanced Readings in Yugoslav/ Post-Yugoslav Studies 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Spring 2025, Fall 2024

This advanced Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian language and culture course allows students to hone their ability to analyze and discuss BCS texts from a range of literary, humanistic, and social scientific disciplines, written in a variety of genres. The pragmatic focus of the course will be on developing reading and writing fluency in BCS. Emphasis will be placed on strategies for approaching and comprehending challenging authentic texts.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: BOSCRSR 117B or consent of instructor

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/Undergraduate

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

SLAVIC 172 Topics in Bosnian/Croatian/ Serbian 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2024, Spring 2022, Spring 2018

Studies in Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian literature, linguistics, or conversation, depending on the needs of the students enrolled.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 117A (may be taken concurrently)

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/Undergraduate

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

SLAVIC 174 Balkan Bridges: Contested Histories, Shared Commitments 6 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

This four-week travel/study course will focus on legacies of war, exemplary moments of peaceful coexistence, and historical challenges to peace in the former Yugoslavia over the long 20th century. Taught in English, no prerequisites, open to Berkeley undergraduate students in all majors.

Rules & Requirements

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

Hours & Format

Summer: 4 weeks - 20 hours of lecture and 25 hours of fieldwork per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Slavic Languages and Literatures/Undergraduate

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

SLAVIC 175 Balkan Cinema 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025

This course explores the richness, diversity, and artistic excellence of Balkan cinema, demonstrating how film in the region has – since its inception in ethnographic silent film to the cell phone movies of today – been bound up with urgent social issues. From war to gender, migration to protest, films from the Balkans have levied trenchant critiques and helped viewers and publics both make sense of and make changes in their societies. A thematic focus gives students practice in locating specific artistic trends, comparing and contrasting films, and engaging deeply with the power and possibilities of the film medium, with the goal of preparing students to draw transnational comparisons with other cinemas, regions, and eras.

Rules & Requirements

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

Hours & Format

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

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Slavic Languages and Literatures/Undergraduate

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

SLAVIC N175 War on Screen 3 Units

Terms offered: Not yet offered

This course introduces students to the history and legacy of war and conflict in the former Yugoslavia, while giving them a solid foundation in film criticism. Its syllabus showcases some of the most critically acclaimed films produced in the region – films which have had global impact and, in crucial instances, created new possibilities for what a war film can (and should) look like.

Hours & Format

Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Slavic Languages and Literatures/Undergraduate

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

Formerly known as: Slavic Languages and Literatures 178

SLAVIC 181 Readings in Russian Literature 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2020, Fall 2019, Spring 2019

Study and analysis of the development of the Russian literary language and short fiction from the eighteenth century to the present.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 103A (which may be taken concurrently)

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/Undergraduate

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

SLAVIC 182 Pushkin 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Spring 2022, Fall 2015

A survey of the writer's principal artistic works, treated in relation to his life and to developments in Russian and European literature.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 103A (which may be taken concurrently)

Hours & Format

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

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Slavic Languages and Literatures/Undergraduate

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

SLAVIC 188 Russian Prose 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Fall 2024, Fall 2023

Course conducted in Russian. Reading, analysis, and interpretation of representative authors from the nineteenth century to the present.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Russian 103B (may be taken concurrently)

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit up to a total of 8 units.

Hours & Format

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

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Slavic Languages and Literatures/Undergraduate

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

SLAVIC 190 Russian Culture Taught in Russian: Country, Identity, and Language 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2023, Fall 2021, Fall 2018

Based on a wide range of sources from the 19th and 20th centuries--works of fiction, publicistics, personal documents--the course will trace the formation and historical transformation of Russian cultural identity, including issues in national identity, ethnicity, position in relation to state, gender, and sexuality. The class is aimed at students with advanced knowledge of Russian, both Americans studying Russian and Russians living in America. All readings, lectures, and discussions in Russian.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Advanced Russian, at least three years of college level or equivalent with 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/Undergraduate

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

SLAVIC 191 Russian Culture and Language in the Contemporary World 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2022

The focus of this course is 21st century Russian culture, language, and politics in their various instantiations. It will be based on analysis of contemporary texts and discourses, from novels to blogs, and from rap and stand-up comedy to political discussions. It will also include visual arts, such as film, animation, and graphic novels. The class is aimed at students with advanced knowledge of Russian, both Americans studying Russian and Russians living in America. All readings, lectures, and discussions are in Russian.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Russian 103B 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: Slavic Languages and Literatures/Undergraduate

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

SLAVIC H195 Honors Seminar 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Spring 2020, Fall 2017

Study and research on a topic selected by the student in consultation with the faculty adviser, to culminate in the writing of a thesis. See departmental description of the Honors Program.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Overall and major grade point average of 3.3

Hours & Format

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

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Slavic Languages and Literatures/Undergraduate

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

SLAVIC 198 Supervised Group Study for Undergraduates 1 - 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Fall 2024, Spring 2024

Supervised cooperative study of topics (in Slavic and East European languages and literatures) not covered by regularly scheduled courses.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Students must have completed 60 units of undergraduate study and have a minimum GPA of 3.0

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

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1-4 hours of directed group study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Slavic Languages and Literatures/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

SLAVIC 199 Supervised Independent Study and Research 1 - 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2017, Spring 2017, Fall 2016

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Overall GPA of 3.0

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:

6 weeks - 1-4 hours of independent study per week

8 weeks - 1-4 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Slavic Languages and Literatures/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.