SLAVIC STUDIES: POLISH STUDIES, BALAS

for the degree of Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts & Sciences Major in Slavic Studies, Polish Studies Concentration

department website: https://slavic.illinois.edu/
department faculty: Slavic Faculty (http://www.slavic.illinois.edu/ directory/faculty/)
overview of college admissions & requirements: LAS admissions information (https://www.las.illinois.edu/prospective/)
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A Major Plan of Study Form must be completed and submitted to the LAS Student Affairs Office before the end of the fifth semester (60 - 75 hours). Study abroad courses may be substituted for major and minor requirements with approval of adviser.

Departmental distinction: Graduation with distinction may be earned by completion of one of the following two options:

• GPA in departmental courses of 3.75; or

• GPA in departmental courses of 3.50, plus successful completion of academic study trip to the region, documented by graded transcript. See a departmental adviser to work out details, preferably two semesters before graduation.

General education: Students must complete the Campus General Education (https://courses.illinois.edu/gened/DEFAULT/DEFAULT/) requirements including the campus general education language requirement.

Minimum required major and supporting course work: equates to 30 hours including 6 hours in advanced language and 24 hours in literature and culture. Minimum hours required for graduation: 120 hours.

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| Language: A minimum of 6 hours beyond the second year of the Polish language: POL 301 and POL 302, or equivalent; or students may choose to complete the second year (200-level sequence) of a second Slavic language, including Russian, in addition to Polish.  

| Literature and Culture: A minimum of 24 hours is required in the following areas (POL 401 and POL 402 can count toward the requirements in any category):  

| 6 hours of Introductory Culture courses:  
| POL 115 | Intro to Polish Culture (and)  
| Choose one of the following:  
| REES 200 | Intro to Russia and Eurasia  
| REES 201 | Introduction to Eastern Europe  
| RUSS 261 | Intro Russian-Jewish Culture  
| SLAV 117 | Russ & E Euro Science Fiction  

Capstone Experience: All majors are required to complete a capstone course, project, or experience chosen from among the following:

(1) RUSS 493 Honors Senior Thesis (2 hrs); or
(2) a 300- or 400-level course in the Slavic Department in which a research project is undertaken; or
(3) Study abroad in the region.

Majors should consult with the Undergraduate Advisor to plan their capstone experience.

Up to 9 hours of the literature requirement (but no more than 6 at the upper level) can be replaced by courses at the same level in other departments, chosen in consultation with and approved by the Undergraduate Advisor, that treat the history, culture, and society of Poland or the region.